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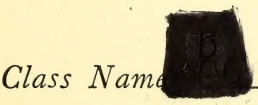

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT KENANSVILLE, DUPLIN COUNTY,

OCTOBER 4th—7th, 1844.

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The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Finley, from Rev. xii. 1.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder McNabb.

Committee of Finance, F. B. Millard, B. Oliver, G. Sloan.

Committee to supply the Stage, D. C. Moore, H. Moore, J. D. Carrell, O. R. Kenan, W. Carr, and N. W. Herring.

Letters from the churches were then called for and noted.

Newly constituted churches were called for: Berea, Piny-Grove, and the church at Goldsborough, petitioned for admittance—they were all received, and the delegates, in the usual way, were cordially invited to unite with us in our deliberations.

The petitions of the Prospect, Indian Spring, and Pleasant Grove churches, were referred to a committee, consisting of brethren W. J. Finley, J. J. Finch, and S. Senter.

Brother Jas. Carrell was elected Moderator, and Elder McNabb, Clerk.

On motion, H. Moore was chosen Treasurer of the Association.

Elder Senter and brother Williford were recognised as Messengers from the Raleigh Association, and invited to sit with us.

Elder Robeson and brother Windal Davis, from the Advisory Council, being present, were also invited to seats.

The following Committees were appointed:

Sabbath Schools—J. Peterson, R. McNabb, and D. Wells.

Baptist State Convention—S. Senter, W. Robeson, and L. Highsmith.

Wake Forest College—R. McNabb, D. C. Moore, M. C. Blount, and J. W. West.

Cause of Missions—J. J. Finch, L. F. Williams, H. E. Royal, and O. Williamson.

Am. & F. Bible Society—W. J. Finley, B. Oliver, and H. Williams.

Itinerancy—B. Oliver, H. Moore, and F. B. Millard.

Arrangement—J. J. Finch, W. J. Finley, S. Senter.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Senter.

Saturday, Oct. 5.

Association convened at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother D. Wells.

The Committee of Arrangement made the following report:

1st. The references on last year's minutes. 2nd. The committees appointed yesterday called on to report. 3d. Some arrangement for the ordination of Ministers within our bounds in future. 4th. Resolutions. 5th. Arrangements for the next year's Association.

Committees called on to report.

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The Committee to whom was referred the petitions of the Prospect, Pleasant Grove, and Indian Spring churches, reported that the petitions of the two former should be deferred: report received and the committee discharged.

The report on the last named church was recommitted.

Elder Finley, chairman of the committee to whom was recommitted the petition of the Indian Spring church, stated before the Association, that on reflection, and after receiving additional information, they recommend to the Association to decline the reception of the petition of said church, until they shall have better considered our doctrines and usages as Regular Baptists.

Moved that a committee consisting of brethren J. J. Finch, B. Oliver, J. Loftin, and J. Carrell, be appointed to visit those churches whose petitions were deferred, and ascertain whether they are disposed to take the steps necessary to their gaining admission into this body, and report to the next Association.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported—report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See Appendix, letter A.)

Committee on the Baptist State Convention reported—report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix letter B.)

Committee on Wake Forest College reported—report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See Appendix letter C.)

Brother Finch made some appropriate remarks, and an opportunity was granted to all who felt disposed, to subscribe for the relief of the College.

Committee on cause of Missions reported—on motion, the report was laid on the table.

Committee on the Am. &. F. Bible Society reported—report concurred in, and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See Appendix letter D.)

The committee, consisting of J. J. Finch, W. J. Finley, A. J. Battle, R. McNabb, and D. Wells, appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the future government of this Association, reported—report received, ordered to be appended to the minutes, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix letter E.)

Committee on the Itinerancy reported—report concurred in, ordered to be appended to the minutes, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix letter F.)

Brother McDaniel, from the Cape-Fear Association, being present, (though not a messenger) was invited to take a seat with us.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Finley.

Lord's day, Oct. 6.

Brethren Finley, Finch, and Williams, preached in the order in which they are named, to a large and attentive congregation. The truth was delivered in love, and we trust good will result.

Monday morning, Oct. 7.

Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Battle.

Brother Battle, Agent for the Am. & F. Bible Society, appeared and was invited to a seat with us.

He, after taking his seat, made some remarks concerning the cause which led to the formation of said Society, the good effects that had resulted, the need of funds, and our obligations to contribute to the support of a Society that is destined to send the light of truth among those millions of heathen who are perishing for lack of knowledge.

The report on the cause of Missions, that was laid on the table on Saturday, was called for. Ordered that it be recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to confine themselves exclusively to foreign Missions: as in the opinion of the Association the report on the Itinerancy embraces domestic Missions.

A committee of seven, consisting of J. J. Finch, S. S. Biddle, B. Oliver, H. Moore, J. Loftin, J. G. Dickson, and T. C. Garrison, were appointed to superintend the Itinerancy for the present Associational year.

Resolved, That $25 per month, (for the time he is engaged in travelling and preaching) be allowed to the Itinerant that may be employed by the committee on the Itinerancy.

The committee is further instructed to carry out the recommendations embraced in the report. And if the services of the brother named, cannot be secured, they are at liberty to employ a suitable person, for a less amount if they think proper to do so.

Whereas, the church at Riley's creek have received a member and ordained him to the ministry, concerning whom charges of an injurious character have been in circulation, before and since his admission into the church aforesaid: and, *Whereas*, the Association feel in duty bound, to see that every church with whom she walks in fellowship, maintains good order and discipline: Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Elder G. Fennell, and brethren D. Wells and W. B. Wells, be appointed to wait on said church, and inquire into the course she has pursued, and intends to pursue, respecting the charges against Elder *Elwell*, and report to the next Association.

Resolved, That the Moderator furnish the committee with a letter explanatory of the object of the committee.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15 for his services.

The Chowan Association made known by letter, their desire to commence a correspondence with us—proposition cordially acceded to. From their letter we learn that they appointed, as messengers to attend our meeting, brethren A. M. Craig, G. M. Thompson, and D. Harrell. All of them, however, failed to attend. Messengers from us to their next meeting are brethren W. P. Biddle, A. J. Battle, R. McNabb and J. J. Finch.

The following brethren were appointed to attend the Raleigh Association: A. J. Battle, L. F. Williams, T. C. Garrison, an dH. Moore.

Ordered that brother Finch write the letter of correspondence to the

Chowan, and that Elder Battle prepare the one to the Raleigh Association.

Brethren R. McNabb, D. C. Moore, H. Moore, and J. Carrell, were appointed a committee to prepare a synopsis of the state of religion, to be published in the minutes.

Ordered, That a delegate from each church be requested to open a subscription, at their respective churches, for the support of the Itinerant, employed the present year, and that the sums thus collected be forwarded to Elder J. J. Finch, Newbern, chairman of the committee on the Itinerancy.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the LEBANON church, New Hanover county, commencing Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1845. Elder W. P. Biddle was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder Battle his alternate. Elder Finch was appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon on Saturday.

The motion proposing that we again commence a correspondence with the Cape Fear Association, was laid on the table.

A collection was taken up on the Sabbath for the Itinerancy, amounting to $23 73.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands last year,	$15 46
" of contributions this year,	72 24 1-2
Home Missions,	17 68
Foreign "	18 41
Education Fund,	23 30
State Convention,	14 66
Collected on the Sabbath for the Itinerancy,	23 73
In the the hands of the Treasurer,	$185 48 1-2

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay R. McNabb $74 05, to be transmitted by him to the Baptist State Convention, and that he be requested to prepare a letter addressed to said Convention, from this body.

Appointed the following brethren delegates to the Convention: H. E. Royal, N. Faison, S. Senter, R. McNabb, Joel Hines, A. Peterson, and W. Robeson.

Resolved, That, should any of the brethren named above fail to attend, any brother present belonging to the Association, will be entitled to a seat.

Resolved, That the churches within our bounds, be instructed and requested to send their candidates for the ministry to the Association, for examination and ordination.

Resolved, That this Association have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of our esteemed brother John Oliver, who died at his residence on the 8th of September last, in the 55th year of his age. In this painful dispensation of Providence, our denomination have lost a most devoted member, society a useful citizen, and his family a fond husband and

father, protector and guide. Naturally possessed of an amiable disposition, which long experience and an unusual degree of piety had strengthened, the deceased occupied a space in the affections of his friends and brethren, which we despair of seeing soon filled. In the church of which he was a member, he was regarded as a father and guide, and his opinions were always received with respect, to which their good sense and the kind manner in which they were expressed, entitled them. Nothing afforded him more happiness than the privilege of opening the hospitalities of his house to his friends, which no one ever shared without wishing for their return. Strongly attached to the principles of the denomination of which he was so useful a member, he felt a deep interest in all our benevolent institutions, and the various plans that are in operation, which he thought would promote the prosperity of the great Baptist family. On this account he took a deep interest in the Union Association, believing that it would concentrate the strength and influence of the denomination in this section of the State which he regarded as the great desideratum for the success of our cause. For twenty eight years he has toiled with us as a christian brother, and such has been the pleasure of his society, and the usefulness of his labours, that we cannot but grieve at his departure. But though afflicted, we sorrow not as those who have no hope; for our deceased brother was not only prepared, but apparently anxious for his removal. For some time he has seemed to walk more in converse with the future than the present world; his faith and hope grew together to the last, and in peace and triumph he passed away.

Resolved, That this Association deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their afflictions, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUPERINTEND THE ITINERANCY FOR 1844.

Brother Gordon laboured four months, paid him						$96 25
"	Senter	"	three	"	"	61 66

The salary allowed the Itinerant being small, the committee was authorized to pay such expenses as he might necessarily incur while travelling in our bounds. This accounts for the sums paid each, being more than what the Association agreed to give, which was $17 per month.—The committee thinks that both were suitable men, and that their labours have not been in vain.

JAS. CARRELL, Chairman.

Report received. The Association concur with the committee in the views expressed in the report.

Resolved, That brethren Finley, Finch, and Senter, be appointed a committee to draw up a proper plan for forming and conducting Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association.

Whereas, information is greatly needed among *churches* on our doctrines and usages: Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Association avail themselves of the depository kept by brother Battle, at Wilmington, as a convenient method for obtaining books, and would hereby advise our ministers and brethren to aid in circulating them in the bounds of the Association.

Resolved, That, in the estimation of this Association, any alteration of the constitution of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, is highly objectionable on many accounts.

Resolved, That we recommend our brethren generally to patronize the Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh, and edited by brother Meredith, and that our ministers, particularly, are earnestly requested to bring the subject publicly before their respective congregations, and if possible increase the number of subscribers *two fold* within our bounds.

Whereas, information is greatly needed within our bounds, on the subject of Foreign Missions: Therefore, *Resolved*, that our churches be advised earnestly, to take the Missionary Magazine, published monthly at Boston, by the Board, at $1 per annum, in which receipts of money, and the general proceedings of the Board, may be found together with many interesting accounts from Missionary stations.

Whereas, there is, at present, among us, a variety of hymn books, which greatly confuses this delightful part of worship: and, *Whereas*, much depends upon the doctrinal sentiments infused into the minds of our congregations by the music to which they are accustomed: and, *Whereas*, the American Baptist Publication Society, have published the Psalmist with a view of furnishing the denomination with a standard Hymn Book, which we believe to be the best now extant: Therefore,

Resolved, That the churches composing this Association be hereby advised to procure the Psalmist, when they have occasion to purchase new hymn books.

Resolved, That it is a subject of thanks to Almighty God, for enabling us to consummate, at this session, an amalgamation of the *Neuse* and *Goshen* Associations, under the title of "*The Union Association*."

Resolved, That the Prospect, Pleasant Grove and Indian Spring churches, whose petitions for admittance into this Association were deferred, have minutes sent them.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 1200 copies of the minutes of this Association printed for distribution.

A SYNOPSIS OF LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE ASSOCIATION.

BEAR MARSH,

Complain of its being a time of coldness and langour, but say that they have, during the year, occasionally had some very interesting meetings; and that the prospect of better times is brighter now than formerly. They speak in affecting terms of the death of the late lamented Bro. Oliver.—Brethren Swinson and McNabb supply them as joint pastors.

KENANSVILLE.

In their letter they tell us that the love of some is waxing cold. Its a wintry time with them; but their "eyes are unto the Lord as the eyes of servants are unto their masters," &c. Ps. 123. 2. We would encourage them to continue to pray and hope and trust. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Eld. McNabb is their pastor.

JOHNSON'S.

They have been greatly blessed during last year. They feel resolved on enforcing discipline more than usual. From their letter we think they are *improving* in other respects. We trust this will in a few years become a thorough going Missionary church. They enjoy the labors of Elder West.

BEAVER DAM.

We learn nothing special from their letter. They have had some accessions, and the prospect of better times appears somewhat encouraging.—Elder Williams is their pastor.

CONCORD,

Is under the care of Elder Fennell. After alluding to the happy seasons they have experienced they say, "But how changed the scene latterly; a coldness prevails among us, and some have gone back like the dog to his vomit and the sow that was washed to her wollowing in the mire." They add that but few if any around are serious on the subject of religion. They crave an interest in our prayers.

ISLAND CREEK,

Is under the care of Elder Stallings. They say, though it is a wintry time, that they have had some good meetings, and a little accession to their numbers.

BEREA,

Was constituted on the 18th of August last. Though few, they hope the Lord will continue to swell their number. Amen. They are under the care of Elder West.

ROWAN,

Is under the care of Elder West. They seem to be at peace among themselves, and more of one heart and one mind than in former years.—If they continue to cherish those graces which never fail to produce such a state of things, God will bless them, yet more and more.

BEULAH,

In their letter, complain that it is a wintry time among them. We infer from their own language that the prospect of better times is somewhat gloomy. We would however exhort them to hope against hope, as did Abraham, the father of the faithful. They allude, in affecting language, to the loss they have sustained in the removal of their pastor, the late lamented Elder Thomson. Elder Williams is their pastor.

BROWN'S,

Is under the care of Eld. Averitt of the Cape Fear Association. Though they have had no special revival, it seems that their numbers have been gradually increasing.

NEW HOPE,

Enjoys the ministerial labours of Elder Williams. There is more indifference manifested now, than formerly, on the subject of religion. Professors have grown cold, and a little difficulty has sprung up among them which has grieved the Holy Spirit.

LISBON,

Is under the care of Elder Fennell. This church has been greatly blessed with revivals of religion during the last several years. At present they are at peace among themselves. May they continue to live in peace. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

RED HILL.

This church has had but little preaching for several years. It is a little strange that the church in such a thick settled community should continue so small in numbers. We think it may be attributed to what we have stated above. The most of the members possess a good deal of zeal, and we would exhort them to *think* on these things. And ask the question—Why is it that we are stationary while other churches around us are constantly increasing in numbers? "Watchman, what of the night."

They are supplied by Elder Averitt.

PLEASANT UNION.

They say nothing about their condition. We presume from their silence they had no good news to relate. Elder Senter of the Raleigh Association is their pastor.

SALEM.

They wish our ministers to visit them as often as they can. Other destitute churches have expressed their desires to see a missionary appointed, and their willingness to aid in supporting him, but this church says nothing about the matter. Perhaps they are not as willing to support the gospel as they should be.

LEBANON,

Is supplied by bro. Fennell. They have had no revival the past year. Congregations good and attentive.

WELLS' CHAPEL.

Is under the pastoral care of Elder Fennell. They say that the most

of the members are cold and inactive. This is a large church and during the last several years they have had one or two revivals. May they soon enjoy another season of the kind.

RILEY'S CREEK,

Is under the care of Elder Warren. This church before the division, was continually harrassed by some Anti-missionary ministers (if ministers they can be called) residing in one of the adjoining counties; who were encouraged to come by the refractory portion of the members. In those days discord and contention kept the church stationary. The Missionary party have been prospering ever since the others left them, and are still at peace among themselves.

WILMINGTON,

Is under the care of Elder Repiton. They have preaching every Sabbath, and though they complain that coldness to some extent prevails, yet they are up and doing. The following extract clearly shows that one article in their creed is "that faith without works is dead." We trust, at the approach of Spring, that all our churches will imitate them in getting Sabbath schools organized. They say "We long for the early and latter rain, for an increase of holiness and good works among us, and for the conversion of the impenitent, for whom Christ died according to the scriptures. We hold in addition to the ordinary public services, a weekly prayer meeting, and monthly conference. We have a Sabbath school of 40 or 50 scholars, with a library of 200 or 300 volumes of books for their use. We have contributed about $300 for the Bible Society, and Home and Foreign Mission, during the past year. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully."

BETHLEHEM,

Have no pastor, and we presume but little preaching. They nevertheless have had considerable accessions.

MOUNT HOLLY,

Is under the care of Elder McNabb. This church since its organization, has had many difficulties to encounter. Though they have not had any revival for several years, their numbers have been gradually increasing.—The members at present are more united than ever. They are living in love and peace, and therefore we doubt not but the Lord will increase their number.

MOORE'S CREEK,

Is under the care of Elder Fennell, and enjoys also the labours of Elder Warren as assistant Pastor. Year before last they were greatly revived, and their number considerably increased. They make no allusion to the state of things now. As they have not, we fear, as in most of places, "iniquity abounds and that the love of many is waxing cold.

MARSHALL'S,

Have no preaching. They are anxious that a missionary should be employed. In their letter they remark—"We are not able to say what is

the state of religion among us, for we are like sheep without a Shepherd. We are a neglected church."

BETHEL,

From their letter we can learn nothing of the state of religion, or who supplies them with preaching. They appear stationary.

BAY CHURCH,

Have no pastor—seldom have any preaching. Are in favor of the missionary cause—express their desire to see one appointed, and their willingness to aid in raising a sufficient compensation for his support. Since the church was constituted several of their members have died, and others in the neighborhood that were friendly to our interests, have been removed also. So they did not believe they could support the Association.—They felt reluctant to give it up, but necessity compelled them.

RICHLAND CHAPEL,

Have no pastor. Are anxious that a missionary should be appointed.

GREENVILLE,

Is under the care of Elder Mark Bennett. Its a wintry time with them. They say they are a feeble band, and complain that they are a good deal harrassed by anti-missionism, and anti-missionary preachers. We would advise them not to countenance such ministers. Universalism too has, it seems, some advocates in Greenville, and in "the region round about."

We would admonish all who love the Lord Jesus, to let them entirely alone. If this is done, their influence will scarcely be felt in a few years.

HANCOCK'S,

Is under the care of Elder Biddle. This church under the blasting influence of antimissionary preaching, has been brought almost to nothing. They are a small and feeble band.

NEWBERN,

Is under the care of Elder Finch. In their letter they say, "There is nothing of special interest among us at present, nor has there been much variation in our condition during the past year."

HARRIETT'S CHAPEL.

Their letter contains no cheering intelligence. They are cold and lukewarm, and some difficulties in the church seem to indicate strongly, that a better state of things cannot be speedily expected. They are anxious to have an Itinerant employed. Elder Biddle, their pastor, proposes to contribute a considerable amount to his support.

PINEY GROVE,

Has been recently constituted and the prospect of their numbers increasing is quite encouraging.

GOLDSBORO,

Is under the care of Elder Robeson. This church was constituted twelve months ago. We infer from their letter that the prospect at present is not as flattering as it has been.

R. McNABB, Chairman.

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this Association are due to the inhabitants of Kenansville and vicinity, for the kindness and hospitality manifested towards us, during our meeting. On motion, adjourned to the time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Finch.

JAMES CARRELL, Moderator.

R. McNABB, Clerk.

The following is a list of MINISTERS *belonging to this Association.**

W. J. Finley, Newbern,	G. W. Hufham, Faison's Depot, Duplin.
J. J. Finch, "	L. F. Williams, Warsaw, "
W. P. Biddle, "	J. W. West, " "
R. McNabb, Kenansville, Duplin Co.	W. Robeson, Stantonsburg, Edgecombe.
J. L. Warren, L'g Cr'k Bridge, N. Hanover.	H. Swinson, Snow Hill, Green Co.
J. Elwell, " " " "	W. Ratley, Clinton, Sampson Co.
G. Fennell, Harrell's Store, "	W. Potter, " "
D. Wells. " " "	W. B. Rhem, Kingston, Lenoir Co
A. P. Repiton, Wilmington.	

* The Clerk, it is supposed through inadvertence, has omitted to designate the names of Licentiates.

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A TABLE,

Showing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, Number Received by Letter, Restored, By Experience, Dismissed by Letter, Excluded, Dead, Total, Amount Contributed, Regular time of Meeting, and Quarterly Meeting.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized,	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	By experience	Diss. by letter.	Excluded.	Died	Total.	Funds. $ C.	REGULAR MEETING.	QUARTERLY MEETING.
DUPLIN												
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, H. Moore, J. Loftin,	29					6	2	167	2 50	3d Sat. and Sun. in each month.	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
Kenansville,	D. C. Moore, J. Carrell, G. Sloan,	2				2	2		56	2 75	2d " " "	" " " "
Johnson's,	A. Guy, S. Guy, O. Guy,	29	4			4			155	2 25	1st " " "	" " " "
Beaver Dam,	D Ezzell,* L. G. Bass,* J. D. Carrell,	6	2			1		1	82	2 50	4th " " "	Jan. April, July, October.
Concord,	W. Swinson, J. Taylor, W. B. Wells,	16		2		27	7	1	148	5 20	3d " " "	Feb. May, Aug. November.
Isl'd Creek,	J. Maxwell, A. Kilpatrick, J Cavenaugh,*	93		3		13		3	52	1 50	1st " " "	March, June, Sept. Dec.
Berea,	H. Murray,* S. Stallings, J. Fussel,								33	1 00	3d " " "	Eeb. May, Aug. November.
SAMPSON.												
Rowan,	A. Williamson, R. Boykin, A. Peterson,	11	4		1	1	1	5	118	2 85	4th " " "	" " " "
Beulah,	F. B. Millard, M. C. Blount, N. Faison,	3	1			3	1	3	72	2 22	1st " " "	March, June, Sept. Dec.
Brown's,	A. Brown, H. E. Royal, H. J. Hobbs,*	16	1					2	72	1 50	4th " " "	Jan. April, July, October.
New Hope,	D. Chesnut,* P. Ezzell,* H. Hollingsworth,	11	2			4		1	98	1 70	2d " " "	Feb. May, Aug November.
Lisbon,	E. Vann, A. M. Blackburn, G. W. Russ,	19	2		1	15	1	4	149	6 50	1st " " "	" " " "
Salem,	J. A. R. Howard,* J. Underwood,*	4	2			2	3		69	1 00	1st " " "	March, June, Sept. Dec.
Red Hill,	D. Matthis, L. A. Powel,	4				1			23	1 25	2d " " "	Feb. May, Aug. November.
P. Union,	R. Faircloth, M. Johnson,							1	79	1 00	4th Sabbath in every other month.	Not known.
N. HANOVER.												
Lebanon,	G. Fennell, E. B. Corbett, P. R. Springfield,*	3				2	1	1	64	2 00	3d Sat. and Sun. in each month.	Jan. April, July, October.
Wells Chapel	L Highsmith, D. Wells, J. M. Fennell,*	8				2	4	2	176	4 00	2d " " "	" " " "
Riley's Cr'k,	J. L. Warren, D. George,* D. M. Lewis,	8	3	1		2		1	41	1 25	1st " " "	March, June, Sep. Dec.

Wilmington,	I. Peterson, L. Wright,	16	41		2	3	4	2	209	3	00	Every Sabbath.		Not known.	
Bethlehem,	W. Vernon, J. J. Pridgon,	2	1	4					92	2	50	Not known.		"	"
Mt. Holly,	A. M. Lamb,	1	3						61	3	40	4th Sat. and Sun. in each month.		Feb. May, Aug. November.	
Moore's Cr'k,	T. Rooks, J. M. Alderman, T. Hatcher,*	1				3			217			" "	" "	March, June, Sept. Dec.	
Marshall's,	J. M. Marshall,								48	1	00	Not known.		Not known.	
Bethel,	W. Fryar, A. B. Alderman, N. Johnson,*		2			3			79	2	27	"	"	"	"
ONSLOW.															
Bay,	H. Williams, A. F. Littleton, J. J. Rochelle,	4				2	2	3	20	2	00	"	"	"	"
R. Chapel,									14			"	"	"	"
Greenville,	J. Murray,							2	39	2	00	"	"	"	"
Hancock's	C. Smith, J. Cannon, A. Gardner,								13	2	00	"	"	"	"
CRAVEN.															
Newbern,	J. J. Finch, W. Finley, Z. Slade,*					3	4	2	118	3	00	Every Sabbath.		"	"
LENOIR.															
Harriett's C'l	W P Biddle,* D W Lawson,* L Coleman,*								72	4	00	4th Sat. and Sun. in each month.		March, June, Sept. Dec.	
JONES.															
Piney Grove	J. Marrett, C. Dudley, J. Oliver,*								56	4	00	Not known.		Not known.	
WAYNE															
Goldsboro',	W. Robeson, T. C. Garrison,								23	2	00	"	"	"	"
		225	31	10	4	53	53	40	2728						

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

[A.]

The committee to whom the subject of Sabbath schools was referred beg leave to report—That from observation as well as from other sources of information, they are induced to believe that impressions are made on the minds of children at Sabbath schools, that are never erased in after life. In the Sabbath school they are taught in early life a knowledge of the scriptures. There they are "trained up in the way they should go." All parents, in addition to setting a good example before their children at home, should encourage Sabbath schools—because many have been led to seek the Lord in the days of their youth in consequence of the wholesome instruction received at those schools. We would in conclusion recommend to our brethren generally, to organize without delay, Sabbath schools at every church and destitute neighborhood, within the bounds of the Union Association, and that suitable books and teachers be procured, that this good cause may be revived.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. PETERSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

[B.]

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Baptist State Convention beg leave to report. Your Committee regret deeply, that the allotted time is too limited to do this important subject justice. In order to accomplish any grand and important undertaking, it is necessary that there should be a union and co-operation of effort; and in all ages of the world, men cherishing unanimity of sentiment have associated themselves in order to attain the objects which they may have had in view. This plan of effectiveness is still pursued at the present time among all classes of persons. Every contemplative mind must necessarily be led to the conclusion that this is right—and if right in one department or amongst one class of persons, it must be so amongst all. As time and the nature of the case demand brevity, we would just enquire what subject more imperatively urges its consideration upon the mind of man than the objects which the Baptist State Convention have in view? Objects which claim the attention of every philanthropist—every christian. What are these objects? They are, 1st, the diffusion of religious knowledge—Biblical, soul-saving knowledge, not only through the destitute parts of our own

State, but also the numerous benighted regions of the world. 2d. The cultivation of the mind of him whose heart has been renewed, and who feels an earnest desire to go forth and declare the unsearchable riches of Christ to Adam's apostate race. If the objects of the Convention were well understood, we cannot believe that the Institution would have an enemy in our land—all would be warm advocates of its existence, and none would fail to become contributors to its funds. Why has it enemies? Why does its professed friends manifest so much carelessness and apathy about its prosperity? Why is it so crippled in its resources? Your committee believe that ignorance about its intentions and designs, is the cause of these unhappy consequences. Can there be a christian heart so heard—a christian mind so lost to sensibility—a christian soul so destitute of the love of God, as not to be a friend and contributor to objects so laudable as those which the B. S. Convention have in view? Such a heart, such a mind, such a soul, connot certainly be found. Your Committee, then, believing that nothing is wanting to give efficiency and success to the efforts of the Convention, but that baptists generally should become better acquainted with its intentions, its desires, and its wishes, would recommend that the ministers take pains, on suitable occasions, to impart information on the subject. Let all pursue this course in regard to their respective congregations and good will be done. In conclusion we beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1*st*, That we recommend to the churches composing this Association to send up to its next Session such sums as they may feel willing to contribute, to sustain the Convention, and enable it fully to carry into effect the objects it still has in view—the support of the Home and Foreign Missions, and the education of indigent young men who are called to the ministry, and state to which of the departments their donations are to be applied.

2*nd*. *Resolved*, That the Itinerant employed by this Association, be instructed and requested to impart light and knowledge on all proper occasions to the churches in our bounds, and the community generally on this all important subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. SENTER, Ch'm.

[C.]

REPORT ON WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

It cannot be expected that we should, in a report of this kind, name the various respects in which institutions of learning are beneficial to the public. Though some feel unfriendly to the erection of Colleges and Seminaries, it should be remembered that intelligent, wise and good men in all ages, have generally been friendly to such institutions. It is true, that

men possessing strong minds have, in numerous instances, qualified themselves, by close appplication, for extensive usefulness, and for filling other high and important stations with honour to themselves and profit to society. This, however, is not a common thing. In view of what we have said, promising young men should be encouraged to repair to those places where they may enjoy superior advantages. In this enlightened age, official characters must and should acquire general information. And we know of no places, for many reasons that might be named, that can afford equal advantages to those who have resolved to cultivate their minds. The time, in our opinion, is not far distant when ministers, destitute of information, will find that but few churches will take an interest in securing their services. This institution has an eye to them particularly, and some few have shared in its benefits. The Wake Forest College, though it has been in operation no more than twelve years, has accomplished much good—many have received an education there which has qualified them for usefulness in society; and some of them are now engaged in proclaiming salvation through Christ to perishing sinners.

We wish to state some inducements to parents to send their children there to receive an education:

1st. It is located in a healthy part of the State.

2d. The Faculty consist of men well qualified to impart instruction, and who are known to watch with parental solicitude over those committed to their care.

3d. A young man may go there one or more years, or remain until he graduates, and be annally at much less expense than at any other similar institution in this, or the adjoining States.

And 4th. Those pursuing their studies at this place are not as liable to have their morals corrupted as at some other Colleges, because it is located at a distance of more than twelve miles from any village or town.

We feel assured that the College has been rising in public estimation during the last several years. It stands greatly in need of aid at present. The Trustees have resolved to relieve it soon from debt if possible. Other sects are making sacrifices to place their Institutions on a permanent footing, and if we fail to pursue the same course they will, after a while, get in possession of the ground now occupied by us. The College has never been free from debt. If it was entirely free from embarrassment it would, no doubt, sustain itself. Brethren, shall it be said that the thirty-five thousand baptists in this State, will suffer the College to sink? Would it not be a reproach to our denomination? Will not all within our bounds unite with its friends generally, in relieving this institution, and in placing it at once on a a sure and permanent basis? In conclusion we offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we consider the existence of the Wake Forest College, essentially necessary to the prosperity of our denomination.

2d. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the brethren within our bounds,

to aid in relieving the College from debt, and that our ministers, particularly, be requested to present its claims on all suitable occasions.

R. McNABB, Chairman.

[D.]

REPORT ON THE AM. AND F. BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Am. and F. Bible Society beg leave to report: That the Society for imparting the sacred Scriptures to the many hundred destitute millions of mankind, though it has accomplished much good, may be considered as having only attained, in part, the earnest of the vast achievement which is their object. As paramount ends require suitable means, we perceive, by experience of the past, our resposibilities for the future, as well as the course which wisdom designates to such as would proportionately share in the ineffably glorious meed which must inevitably crown this transcendantly grand and momentous achievement. With due deference to this Association, we would beg leave to suggest our fear, that the members have not all duly considered the subject under this view. Without extending our view beyond the limits of this State, we find striking facts which should stir us up to action. We learn that there is in this State a lamentable dearth of the holy scriptures. Other States, in this respect, are in a much worse condition. The A. & F. Bible Society claims the consideration of your body. Its object, as is well known, is to give the heathen the *whole* word, and nothing but the word of God.

Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association considers it to be her indispensable duty and interest, to unite with the friends of Zion generally, in giving the word of God to the heathen, and that we organize, forthwith, a Society auxiliary to the N. C. Bible Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. FINLEY, Chairman.

[F.]

BEPORT ON THE ITINERANCY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Itinerancy beg leave to report, that they have considered the important matter submitted to them, as well as their time and other duties would permit, and have come to the following conclusions:

In the first place, your committee believe that a vigorous exertion should

be made to sustain the Itinerancy within our bounds, as there are many churches and stations that cannot otherwise be supplied with preaching. There are many churches, some of them newly constituted, who are looking to this Association for religious instruction.

In the next place we believe that some systematic plan is necessary to give permanence and success to the Itinerancy; and the best that occurs to your committee is, that the churches be requested to raise a fund annually for this object, which fund shall be brought to the Association by the delegates.

In the next place, we believe that the Itinerancy should be conducted so as to supply the destitute, and not so much the churches which have regular pastors.

In the next place, we believe that it is indispensable that an efficient man be employed to operate as Itinerant; and from all the lights before us, we are induced to believe that if the services of Eld. A. J. Battle can be obtained for this department, the plan would succeed, and funds be liberally contributed.

As the plan recommended for the adoption of the churches will not furnish us any means till the next Association, we would recommend that a subscription be raised to get the necessary amount to pay arrears to sustain the Itinerancy the current year.

And, finally, we recommend the appointment of a committee, consisting of seven, to superintend the Itinerancy from now till the next meeting of the Association, with such instruction as may be thought proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

[G.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed to recommend some plan for conducting Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association present the following:

1. We recommend each church to appoint a Sabbath School committee, or Board, whose duty it shall be to appoint a Superintendent, Librarian, Teachers, &c.—

2. It should be the duty of the superintendent, under the supervision of the committee, to arrange the classes, and direct the affairs of the school under his charge.

3. It should be the duty of the Librarian to keep a list of the books, and be in his place every Sabbath to supply the pupils and see that the books are promptly returned.

4. We think that the Superintendent should be required to make an *annual* report to the church and congregation, at which time there should be an address, or addresses, to awken an increased interest in the cause of Sabbath Schools.

J. J. FINCH, Chairman.

[H.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, regret that they have not had time to collect the important facts that ought to be embodied in a report on this subject. They would only remind the brethren present, and the churches throughout our bounds, that the larger portion of the human race are yet without the gospel, and that the Missionary Boards which are seeking to spread the word of life are very much fettered in their operations for the want of means. Could our brethren in this section see the accounts, applications and appeals continually coming to our Board at Boston, and the smallness of the means which they have to meet them, we think they would be stirred up to more liberality and activity in this cause. What we need is regular contributions from all our members—if each would give only a little, regularly, the aggregate would be large enough not only to sustain, but greatly enlarge our foreign mission operations.

Let us try, brethren, what we can do this year in this cause. Take the Missionary Magazine as is recommended in another place, and you will see that what is contributed is faithfully applied.

J. J. FINCH, Chairman,

[E.]

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, the Goshen and Neuse Baptist Associations, at their last annual meetings, agreed to unite themselves into one body to form a new Association, to be called and known as the *Union Association:* Therefore, we, the Ministers and Delegates from the churches formerly composing the Goshen and Neuse Associations, having assembled at Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., 4th, 5th and 7th of October, 1844, do agree to adopt the following articles as the CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM of the Union Association:

1st. The Association shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches composing this body, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2nd. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by ballot.

3rd. The officers of the preceding meeting shall call the Association to order, and preside until their successors are elected.

4th. The Association shall sit as an Advisory Council, to consult upon all matters pertaining to the glory of God and the good of His Church, and to recommend such measures to the churches composing this body, as, in their judgment, will conduce to their peace and prosperity. But in no case shall it make laws for the government and discipline of the churches. We have one law-giver—Christ Jesus, and one statute book—the New Testament—the rule of our faith and practice.

5th. Whilst the Association disclaim all right to make laws for the churches, it is, however, clearly admitted that she is empowered to give advice, and in all such cases, where the advice of the Association is given consistent with gospel principles and practices, and a church or churches shall treat such advice contemptuously, or refuse to be advised, it shall be discretionary with the Association to withdraw her fellowship from such church or churches, if she deems it expedient so to do.

6th. The Annual Session will commence Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October in each year, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Association, and continue till Monday, and longer if necessary.

7th. On Saturday of each annual meeting a doctrinal sermon shall be delivered by such minister as shall be chosen for that purpose, for the special benefit of the Association, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

8th. The Association shall have power to invite ministering brethren to take a seat in her body, to correspond by letter and delegates with sister Associations, to receive correspondence by letter and delegates with sister Associations, and such ministers and delegates shall have the privilege of making motions and debating any question, but shall not be entitled to vote.

9th. This Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting the Moderator, or in his absence, the Secretary, shall take the chair and shall call the members to order, shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decided questions of order subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members. He shall open and close the Association by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees. He may speak in debate upon important questions, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2nd. The names of the delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3rd. Invitations shall be extended to ministering brethren present, to a seat in the Association.

4th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks before the Asso-

ciation, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak to the same question more than twice without leave.

5th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, none shall walk out or cross the house; nor when a member is speaking, shall talk or whisper to each other, or pass between the speaker and the chair.

6th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

8th. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

9th. When a motion has been once read, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be decided by a vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of decorum may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association, by a majority of the votes of the delegates present.

J. J. FINCH, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

A meeting was called at Kenansville on Monday the 7th Oct., 1844, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society, auxiliary to the N. C. Baptist Bible Society. Bro. Jas. Carrell was called to the Chair, and Rev. R. McNabb appointed Secretary. The following Constitution was adopted:

1st. This Society shall be denominated the Union Bible Society, auxiliary to the N. C. Baptist Bible Society.

2d. The object of this Society shall be to aid the American and Foreign Bible Society in the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures in all lands.

3d. The members of this Society shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

4th. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and who shall form a quorum for transacting all business in the intervals of the Society's meetings.

5th. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place with the annual meetings of the Union Association.

6th. This Constitution shall be subject to be altered or amended at its annual meetings, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: B. Oliver, President; Rev. W. J. Finley, and Rev. G. Fennell, Vice Presidents; Rev. A. J. Battle, Secretary, and James Carrell, Treasurer.

The following subscribers became members:

B. Oliver,		$2 00
Jas. Carrell,		2 00
Jas. Murray,		1 00
Hosea Williams,		50
J. J. Finch,		1 00
H. Moore,		1 00
David Wells,	paid,	1 00
J. D. Carrell,		1 00
R. McNabb,		1 00
J. G. Rochell,		25
L. Wright,		1 00
W. Friar,		50
H. E. Royal,		1 00
A. Brown,		25
T. C. Garrison,		2 00
L. F. Williams,		1 00
W. B. Wells,		1 00
		$17 50

B. OLIVER, President.

A. J. BATTLE, Secretary.

MINUTES

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MINUTES, &C.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. J. Battle, from 1 Cor. 15 c. 58 v.

The Delegates being assembled, Elder Battle stated that, as the Moderator and Clerk were both absent, he would move to call brother B. Oliver to the chair; which was agreed to, and brother Oliver took the chair.

On motion of Elder J. J. Finch, Elder Battle was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.*

The chairman called upon Elder Wm. P. Biddle to open the meeting with prayer.

Committee of Finance—E. C. Gavin, J. M. Fennell and D. Jones.

Committee to supply the Stage—Elder George Fennell, D. Wells, J. C. Devane, J. Stringfield and A. Herring.

Letters from the Churches were called for and noted.

The Association proceeded to elect officers, when brother B. Oliver was elected Moderator, Elder A. J. Battle, Clerk, and H. Moore, Treasurer.

Newly constituted Churches were called for, when Brice's Creek Church, Lenoir county, Fork Meeting-house, Sampson county, and Mount Zion, Bladen county, petitioned for admittance by letter and delegates. They were received, and their delegates invited to take seats with us.

Letters from corresponding Associations were called for, when Elders Howell and W. Dupree appeared from the Raleigh Association, presenting a package of Minutes, and were cordially invited to sit with us and aid in our deliberations.

Invitation was given to visiting brethren in the Ministry to take seats with us. Elder J. J. Finch and Wm. L. Hartson accepted the invitation and took seats.

The Rev. A. P. Repiton offered to take a seat, which was objected to.

On motion of Elder Finch, the proposition was laid on the table and afterwards withdrawn.

A letter was handed in by C. Russ, purporting to be an application from himself and a number of others, for redress of grievances against the Wilmington Church, for having expelled them from her membership.

On motion of brother Frier, the letter was ordered to be read, which was done accordingly.

After some remarks in reference to said letter, it was, on motion of Elder Finch, laid upon the table.

On motion, adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. McDaniel.

SATURDAY, October 4th.

Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by brother D. Wells.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The names of Delegates were called and absentees noted.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows :—

1. Read the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. References on last year's Minutes.
3. Letter from Riley's Creek Church.
4. Candidates for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.
5. Petitions for next session of the Association.
6. Correspondence with sister Associations.

On motion by Elder Finch, the following preamble and resolution was passed unanimously :—

WHEREAS, The Association has suffered a document to be read, which might be construed to the disadvantage of the Wilmington Church,

Therefore Resolved, That we have full and undiminished confidence in the Wilmington Church, and that we decline having any thing more to do with the matter in question.

On motion by Elder Finch, *Resolved*, That the 7th article of the Constitution be rescinded.

On motion by brother Royal, *Resolved*, That the 2d article in the Constitution be so amended, that the Moderator alone shall be elected by ballot; the Clerk and Treasurer by nomination and vote.

The committee appointed last year to visit those Churches whose petitions were deferred, was called on to report.

Brother Oliver reported, that on account of the Chairman moving away and other hindrances, the committee did not visit those Churches.

On motion by Elder Biddle, *Resolved*, That those Churches be visited by a committee of seven, with full authority, not only to visit them to know whether they still desire a connection with this body, but also to enter into any understanding with them, by which they shall be considered as component parts of this Association; and that said committee shall be at liberty to publish, in whatever way they think proper, the results of their visits.

Elders Biddle, Fennell, McDaniel, Finch and Battle, and brethren D. Wells and Joshua Loftin, with the addition of brother Oliver as Moderator of the Association, were appointed that committee.

The committee on the Itinerancy was called on to report.

Brother H. Moore handed in a letter from the Chairman, who was absent, containing an account of moneys received and paid out, and the time of services performed by our Missionary.

On motion, the letter and accounts were re-committed, to make out a report, to be handed in during the present session.

The committee appointed to wait on Riley's Creek Church respecting the charges against Elder Elwell was called on to report.

Brother D. Wells, as one of the committee, attended and reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix, letter A.

The subject of a Book Depository was brought up, and after some remarks approving of the measure, it was, on motion, submitted to a committee of three, consisting of Elders Finch, Oliver and French.

On motion by Elder Finch, the letter from Riley's Creek Church was called up, and after some appropriate remarks on the subject alluded to in the letter, it was, on motion by Elder Finch,

Resolved, That our Constitution be so amended as to embrace the following as one of its articles:

That the Churches within our bounds be requested to send their candidates, for the Gospel Ministry, to the Association for examination; who, if approved, shall receive a certificate of the same from the Moderator, to be ordained when and where the Church with which he holds his membership may select. This is intended to keep the "unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace."

The examination of candidates for the Ministry were called up, and a committee of Elders Biddle, Fennell, McDaniel, Finch, and Battle, were appointed to examine the candidates now present.

After a recess for the above purpose, Elder Biddle reported, that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommended that brother D. Wells be ordained as soon as his Church may direct. They recommend that brother Brinson continue to exercise his gifts, and be ordained when Elder Fennell and the Church where he holds his membership, shall jugde to be proper.

The Association proceeded to vote for the place to hold the next session of the Association.

Resolved to meet at Wilmington, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1846.

Elder W. P. Biddle was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, at 11 o'clock, and Elder Fennell be his alternate.

The committee of finance reported; report received and committee discharged. See Appendix, letter B.

Appointed Elders J. J. Finch and Lewis F. Williams, and brethren H. E. Royal and N. Faison, as delegates to the Raleigh Association, to bear minutes or a letter.

Resolved, That a collection be taken up on Sabbath, for the objects of the Convention.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Finch.

SABBATH.

Elder Biddle opened the services at the stand, where a large congregation had collected. His text was 1st. Cor. 12th c. and 31st v. Soon after he began his sermon, it commenced raining, and he moved to the house. Those at the stand, who could not get in the house, sent a request to Elder Battle to preach to them at the stand, as it was intended that Elder Finch should follow Elder Biddle in the house.

Although it continued to rain, the congregation was still and attentive at the stand, while Elder Battle preached from Col. 1 c. and 28th v.

After a short intermission, Elder Finch having to leave, Elder McDaniel closed the services of the day from Matthew 20 c. and 6 v.

The rain had ceased and the congregation had collected around the stand, and listened with earnest attention to the solemn and affecting truths that were presented for their consideration. We can but hope that much good will follow those labours.

Collection on the Sabbath, $25 92.

MONDAY, October 6th.

The Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Potter.

The committee on the Book Depository was called on to report. Report received. See Appendix, letter C.

On motion by Elder McDaniel,

Resolved, That we cordially approve the organization of the Southern Convention of our denomination for Missionary purposes, and recommend to the Churches composing our body to co-operate in liberally sustaining their efforts.

On motion by brother Oates,

Resolved, That as we have been informed by Elder McDaniel, that the Cape Fear Association design changing the time of holding her annual meetings, with a view of corresponding with our Association,

Therefore Resolved, That if they do change the time for holding her sessions, we correspond with our sister, the Cape Fear Association, and appoint Elders G. Fennell, J. McDaniel, and brother I. Peterson delegates to her next session.

On motion by Elder Biddle,

Resolved, That the Ministers who serve our Churches as Pastors, be earnestly and affectionately requested to organize Sabbath Schools in the Churches they supply, and encourage the same by visiting them on the Sabbath morning they preach for the Church; and also take pains in securing proper teachers, and assist in procuring a supply of suitable books.

On motion by brother Gavin,

Resolved, That the Clerk have 1,200 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed, as usual.

On motion by brother Frier,

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services, and that the Treasurer pay him out of the Association fund.

On motion by brother Royal,

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the Faculty of Wake Forest College, and recommend to our brethren and friends to send their children to the College, and to make liberal contributions to sustain it.

The report on the Itinerancy was called for. Report received and committee discharged. See Appendix, letter D.

On motion, invited brother H. Moore, on account of his having been one of the committee on the Itinerancy last year, to sit with us, and aid us in our deliberations on that important subject.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to T. C. Garrison $14 50, out of the Itinerant fund, the sum he advanced to Elder Havens.

Moved by Elder McDaniel,

WHEREAS, the former plan of Itinerant labours appears not to have accomplished as much good as could have been desired, therefore

Resolved, That we lay off the bounds of the Association into eight or ten sections—each section to be supplied by a Pastor for the Churches in the section, who shall also be engaged to travel as Itinerant to preach in every destitute part of such section; and especially to visit every family, to supply them with the scriptures, tracts and books.

Further *Resolved*, That the Churches in each section be requested to contribute liberally to the support of their Pastors.

Further *Resolved*, That should such Pastors need more aid than they receive from the Churches, that the deficiency be made up out of the Itinerancy, according to the amount of funds in hand, so that each Minister may devote the whole of his time to the spiritual interests of his respective section.

On motion by Elder Biddle,

Resolved, That an Executive Committee of seven be appointed who shall have the whole subject under their control, in supplying the destitution in the bounds of our Association, having a view to the plan embraced in the foregoing resolution; and that the Moderator be added to the committee.

Appointed A. J. Battle, S. S. Biddle, D. Jones, T. C. Garrison, Jas. Carroll, H. Moore, and H. E. Royal that committee.

On motion by brother Royal,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, and report to the next session of the Association.

Appointed H. E. Royal, J. McDaniel, and G. R. French that committee.

On motion by Elder McDaniel,

WHEREAS, our brother, Elder William Potter, is voluntarily travelling

and preaching to some of our Churches, and other congregations within our bounds,

Resolved, That we recommend to our Churches to encourage and assist our brother as he may have need.

Appointed, brethren H. E. Royal, N. Faison, and A. B. Alderman, delegates to the Convention.

Resolved, That our Treasurer send by any one of the delegates $30 00 to the Convention.

The letter of correspondence to the Raleigh Association was read and approved.

On motion by brother French,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends in this vicinity, for their very kind and hospitable entertainment of the delegates of this Association.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place fixed upon.

B. OLIVER, *Moderator*.

A. J. BATTLE, *Clerk*.

The following is a list of Ordained Ministers in the bounds of the

UNION ASSOCIATION:

W. J. FINLAY, Newbern,
J. J. FINCH, "
W. P. BIDDLE, "
J. L. WARREN, Long Creek Bridge, New Hanover co.,
J. ELWELL, do. do.
G. FENNELL, Harrell's Store,
H. STALLINGS, Limestone,
A. P. REPITON, Wilmington,
J. McDANIEL, Wilmington,
A. J. BATTLE, do.
G. W. HUFHAM, Faison's,
L. F. WILLIAMS, Warsaw;
J. W. WEST, do.
H. SWINSON, Snow Hill,
W. RATLEY, Clinton,
W. POTTER, do.
W. B. RHEM, Kingston,

A TABLE,

Shewing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, Number received by Letter, Restored, By Experience, Dismissed by Letter, Excluded, Dead, Total, Amount Contributed, Regular time of Meeting, and Quarterly Meetings.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	By experience.	Diss. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Funds.		Itinerant fund.		REGULAR MEETINGS.	*Quarterly Meetings.*
										$	C.	$	C.		
DUPLIN.															
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, J. Loftin,* J. G. Dickson,*	23		1	1	2	2	1	188	3	09			3d Sat.& Sun.in each month.	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
Kenansville,	T. Holland, J. Carroll,* G. Sloan,*	2	1			3	2	1	53	2	50	2	60	2d " " "	" " " "
Johnson's,	S. Guy, A. Guy,* J. H. Blanchard,	3				7	3	2	146	1	60	3	50	1st " " "	" " " "
Beaver Dam,	L. D. Bass,* J. D. Carroll, W. Stricklin,*	2	6		1		3	3	84	2	85	3	95	4th " " "	Jan. April, July, Oct.
Concord,	J. W. Taylor,	2	3			2	2	2	146	4	47	6	50	3d " " "	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
Isl'd Creek,	J. Cavenaugh, A. Killpatrick,* J. Cavenaugh,	3				1		1	53	2	00			1st " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
Berea,	H. Murray, S. Stallings, F. Savage,		4		1			1	37	1	13	2	00	3d " " "	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
SAMPSON.															
Rowan,	A. Peterson, R. Boykin,* S. Peterson,	22	2		5	4	1	1	140	3	00			4th " " "	" " " "
Beulah,	E. C. Gavin, N. Faison, C. Oates,		1				2		73	2	00			1st " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
Brown's,	A. Brown,* H. E. Royal, H. J. Hobbs,	1	2			1			74	2	00			4th " " "	Jan. April, July, Oct.
New-Hope,	H. Hollingworth, A. M. Rackly,					2		2	88	2	45			2d " " "	Feb. May, Aug Nov.
Lisbon,	A. Herring, E. Vann, B. Robinson,	1				1	3	2	93	5	95	5	25	1st " " "	" " " "
Salem,	H. Bennett, W. Vann,* W. Potter,	18	3			2	1	1	86	2	00			1st " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
Red Hill,	J. Vann, L. A. Powell, D. Mathis,	5	2			1		1	27	1	50			2d " " "	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
P. Union,	J. Fisher, L. Faircloth,* J. Faircloth,	18		2		2	2		95	1	70			4th " " "	
Fork M. H.	A. Spell, L. Rich,* D. Marshban,	1	2						20	2	25				
N. HANOVER.															
Lebanon,	Geo. Fennell, O. Alderman,* C. B. Corbett,							2	62	2	00	8	50	3d " " "	Jan. April, July, Oct.
Wilmington,	James McDaniel, A. J. Battle, G. R. French,	14	7	2		3	21	2	216	2	50	10	00		
Bethlehem,	J. D. Larkins, W. S. Pridgen, S. F. Wilson,	2				2		1	89	2	00				

TABLE, CONTINUED.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	By experience.	Diss. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Funds.	Itinerant fund.	REGULAR MEETINGS.	*Quarterly Meetings.*
Mt. Holly,	L. Croom, W. A. Rivenbark, L. Carroll,	1	1			1	3		52	2 50		4th " " "	Feb. May, Aug. Nov.
Moore's Cr'k,	A. Alderman, H. P. Brinson, C. P. Moore,					5	10	1	176	4 31		4th " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
Well's Chap'l	D. Wells, A. Bland, J. M. Fennell,	1				1	6		170	5 60	9 60	2d " " "	Jan. April, July, Oct.
Marshall's,	No Delegate, number as last year,								48				
Bethel,	W. Frier, R. Newton, J. Rogers,	3				2	3		77	3 38			
Riley's Cr'k,	J. L. Warren,* D. George, T. Swinson.	8				1		1	41	1 00	1 00	1st " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
ONSLOW.													
Bay M. H.	No Delegate, number as last year,								20				
R. Chapel,	" " " " "								14				
JONES.													
Piney Grove,	O. Adams, J. Oliver, L. Coonce,*	25					2	1	76	2 50			
CRAVEN.													
Newbern,	No Delegate, number as last year,								118				
LENOIR.													
Harriet's Ch'l	W. P. Biddle, D. Jones, W. B. Rhem,*	4	3		1		1	3	74	5 00		4th " " "	Mar. June, Sept. Dec.
Brice's creek,	J. Pellitin, M. N. Fisher, B. Whitford,	9			3				39	2 00			
WAYNE.													
Goldsboro',	No Delegate, number as last year,								23				
BLADEN.													
Mt. Zion,	P. Lee, Sam'l Anders, D. M. Sikes,	1							50	1 50	75		
PITT.													
Greenville,	No Delegate, number as last year,								39				
Hancock,	" " " " "								13				

*Absentees.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

October 3d, 1845.

To the Union Association:

As one of your committee to wait on the Church at Riley's Creek, respecting Elder Elwell's case, I beg leave to report, that the Church at Riley's Creek, gave notice through the Recorder, for the committee, Elder Elwell, and all his accusers, to attend on Saturday before the first Sunday in March last, to investigate the charges that had been made against Elder Elwell. I attended as the only one of the committee. Elder Elwell was also present. With the assistance of Elder Havens, we sat in council with the Church. We found nothing substantiated against Elder Elwell worth our notice, therefore, he was fully acquitted.

Your brother in Gospel bonds,

DAVID WELLS.

[B.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, 7th Oct., 1844,			$185 48
	Cr.		
Cash paid R. McNabb, service as Clerk,	$15 00		
" " do. freight on Minutes,	75		
" " do. for State Convention,	74 05		
" " do. for printing Minutes,	42 10	—131 90	
Balance in hand,			$54 58
Itinerant fund in Treasurer's hands last year,			$1 00
Association " " " "			53 58
Itinerant " received this year,			53 65
Association " " " "			74 78
Foreign Mission fund received this year,			1 50
Home Mission " " " "			6 75
Education " " " "			5 75
Southern Convention fund received this year,			3 00
From sister O. Johnson " for Foreign Missions,			25
Sabbath collection for State Convention,			25 92
On hand 6th Oct., 1845,			$226 18

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. GAVIN, Chairman.

[C.]

Your committee on the Book Depository have had the same under consideration. They deem such a depository highly important to the interests and improvement of the Churches in our bounds, yet such is the difficulty of raising funds just now, that we can only recommend, as soon as circumstances will justify it, a fund shall be raised to keep a depository at Wilmington well supplied with all our denominational books. Your committee are informed by brother Battle, that he will make some arrangement with the depository now in his hands that may answer present purposes, until other arrangements can be made.

Your committee have no doubt but that the Union Bible Society will arrange to keep a full supply of Bibles on hand, to meet the wants of the Association. Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FRENCH, Ch'n.

[D.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ITINERANCY.

Your committee appointed to superinted the Itinerant operations within the bounds of the Union Association beg leave to report,

That soon after their appointment, the Chairman of the committee, Elder J. J. Finch, moved out of our bounds, and it was some time before the committee were called together for action. Some time in March, a part of the committee met at Harriet's Chapel, and appointed brother T. C. Garrison their chairman, and, urged by the wants of our destitute places, and the very liberal contributions offered by the brethren at Harriet's Chapel, who raised at this meeting about $140 for the Itinerancy, your committee, though only a minority were present, felt in duty bound to secure the services of some suitable Minister to travel and preach, where preaching seemed to be most needed. Elder Battle, who was recommended to our last Association for your Missionary, was so engaged that his services could not be obtained, we therefore deemed it expedient to secure the services of Elder N. M. Havens, who was not engaged in pastoral labors. Brother Havens travelled three and a half months among some of the Churches, but mostly in the destitute places in the south-eastern part of our boundary, along the seaboard; and, we trust, not without having accomplished much good. Your committee had a full meeting at Bear Marsh Church in April, when, by vote of the meeting, the proceedings of the minority at Harriet's Chapel were confirmed, and their appointment of brother Havens continued.

They also appointed several other Ministers to labor a short time, in different parts of our bounds, but have not received any information from them whether they have performed any labor or not.

Your committee have understood that Elder R. Jacks was appointed

by the Convention at its last session, to travel as a Missionary in our bounds. They regret that brother Jacks did not report to your committee the extent of his labors, and his success in preaching among the Churches where he travelled, and what encouragement he met with in those destitute places where he visited. They have heard from different sources that he was very highly approved wherever he preached, and that he was instrumental, in a few instances, of additions to some of our Churches, and that his labors produced good impressions in a very destitute region between Wilmington and New River, along the sea coast, where he labored most of his time. They also have understood that, in some instances, he received contributions, which they suppose he will report to the Convention as part for his salary.

Your committee were pleased to learn that brother Jacks also engaged in Bible distribution, and supplied many destitute families, while he was travelling as Missionary, which practice they would strongly recommend to all your future Missionaries, as a means of doing much good. Your committee regret that no more has been accomplished by Itinerant labors than has been done the past year; yet they rejoice to know that some good has been done by the little labor that has been performed, and it encourages them to hope, that by continued efforts on the part of the Churches of our Association, it will not be long ere all our destitute Churches and sections in our boundaries shall be supplied with successful ministerial labors.

Your committee deem it a part of their duty to suggest that, in their estimation, a slight change in the plan of our Missionary operations might be made that would prove beneficial. They are of the opinion that some effort should be made to secure the services of all the Ministers in our bounds to perform partial Itinerant labor, and receive partial aid from the Itinerant fund, to enable them to give their whole time to preaching the Gospel connected with the Bible and Tract distribution. They hope that at your present session this suggestion may be more fully considered, and some definite plan arranged for more successful efforts the ensuing year.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursement of the funds that have come into the hands of your committee:

Received from	Wilmington Church,	$6 00
"	" S. S. Biddle,	19 00
"	" H. Moore for Elder G. Fennell,	5 00
"	" Johnson's Church and congregation,	4 00
"	" Bear Marsh Church,	9 50
"	" T. C. Garrison,	50
"	" S. B. Carroway,	10 00
"	" Elder W. P. Biddle,	10 00
"	" David Jones,	10 00
	Amount carried over,	**$74 00**

Amount brought over,		$74 00
Received from William Frier for Bethel Church,		6 00
" " Sundry subscriptions,		3 00
		$83 00
Paid N. M. Havens, for 3 1-2 month's services as Missionary, at $25 00 per month,	$87 50	
Paid his expenses,	10 00	= 97 50
Leaving a balance due brother T. C. Garrison, who advanced the money in settlement,		$14 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

BEAR MARSH.

From their letter, the threatened division which for a season existed, has passed away, and they say: "All is well with us." Elder Lewis F. Williams is their pastor. They have had considerable additions to their church.

KENANSVILLE.

From their letter they say: "we are in a cold state." They have monthly preaching. They are under the care of Elder R. McNabb.

JOHNSON'S MEETING-HOUSE.

Their letter states: "that since our last address to you we have had some coldness, jars, schisms, &c." They have generally had "good meetings and attentive congregations, but no special revivals." Elder J. W. West is their Pastor.

BEAVER DAM.

They say: "we have nothing of a cheering nature to communicate in religious matters. We are in a cold state, but have attentive congregations, though not such seriousness manifested as in times past." Elder Lewis F. Williams is their Pastor.

CONCORD

Is under the Pastoral care of Elder George Fennell. "Since our last to you we have had but few accessions—congregations large and attentive, but coldness is in our midst, so we have nothing cheering to communicate, not so much as to say we are all at peace."

ISLAND CREEK.

They say: "We have not such cheering news to communicate as last year. We have had some good meetings and few accessions."—Elder H. Stallings is their Pastor.

BEREA.

They state: "We can but say to you, coldness prevails amongst us. None received by baptism the past year, but all at peace." Elder J. W. West is their Pastor.

ROWAN.

They say: "We have had some refreshings from the presence of the Lord—our congregations are large and attentive. We still hope the glorious work is going on." They have had a number of baptisms and are under the care of Elder S. Senter.

BEULAH.

They say: "We have received but few to fellowship since our last. We are at peace, and under the care of Elder D. S. Williams."

BROWN'S.

Elder John C. Averitt is their Pastor. They say: "We have nothing special to communicate. Religion is rather stationary with us."

NEW HOPE.

They say: "We are still travelling Zion-ward. It may be said of us that we are in a cold state. Have made but little progress." Elder L. F. Williams is ther Pastor.

LISBON.

Elder George Fennell is their Pastor. No letter was received. Elder Fennell reported the state of the church.

SALEM.

They say: "We have had some refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord—have generally large and attentive congregations—a happy state of feeling exists among us. They complain of not being fairly represented in last minutes," (which was probably an oversight.) They are under the care of Elder S. Senter.

RED HILL

Is supplied by Elder J. C. Averitt. They say: "We have had a more favorable state of things in our Church, than we have for some

time past; but we regret to inform you that there are some very unpleasant things amongst us."

P. UNION.

They say: "We have nothing of importance at present to relate."—Their "congregations are large and attentive, and some appear to be anxious." Elder J. Howell is their Pastor.

LEBANON.

They "complain of coldness and lukewarmness—no change in their condition since last year—their congregations large and attentive on the Sabbath. Elder G. Fennell is their Pastor.

WILMINGTON.

They state that they have been afflicted with difficulties, but have in a good degree, been relieved from them—they have a few additions the past year—they have two Sabbath Schools under the supervision of the Church, in tolerable prosperity. Elder J. McDaniel is their Pastor.

WELL'S CHAPEL

Is under the pastoral care of Elder G. Fennell. They have no good news to relate, but they hope that God will visit them again in his mercy.

RILEY'S CREEK.

They have had some accessions by baptism—they do not complain of coldness nor of divisions—they express some dissatisfaction in reference to the request of the Association, about the ordination of Ministers. Elder J. L. Warren is their Pastor.

BETHLEHEM

"Laments that the Lord has in some degree withdrawn his smiles from her, and urges on the brethren the necessity of a more prayerful spirit. They enjoy but little preaching, and are without a Pastor. They desire an interest in our prayers."

MOUNT HOLLY

Is under the care of Elder R. McNabb. They "have nothing interesting to communicate—have regular preaching two days in each month—congregation small, though attentive."

MOORE'S CREEK.

They "are sorry they have no pleasing intelligence to communicate, but they are looking forward and praying for the return of happy days." Elder G. Fennell is their Pastor.

BETHEL.

"We have nothing cheering to relate—have been under the necessity of excluding some, and have received but few." Elder J. Rogers is their Pastor.

PINEY GROVE.

They say: "they began to fear they were about to be visited with great coldness, but the Lord has revived them under the labours of Elders Finlay, Biddle, and Elwell—have just closed a meeting of eleven days, and had many added by baptism. Elder W. J. Finlay is their Pastor.

HARRIET'S CHAPEL

Is in prosperity, under the care of Elder W. P. Biddle. They highly approve the efforts of the Association to promote Itinerant labours in our bounds, and express much pleasure in the enjoyment of religious intercourse among their brethren.

BRICE'S CREEK

Was constituted 7th December, 1844, by Elders J. J. Finch and J. Elwell, and is under the care of Elder Elwell—have received several, since their constitution, to baptism.

FORK MEETING-HOUSE

Was constituted during the past year. It is under the care of S. Senter.

NOUNT ZION

Was constituted 25th January, 1845, by Elders G. Fennell and J. Rogers. Elder G. Fennell is their Pastor.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, The Goshen and Neuse Baptist Associations, at their last annual meetings, agreed to unite themselves into one body to form a new Association, to be called and known as the *Union Association:* Therefore, we, the Ministers and Delegates from the Churches formerly composing the Goshen and Neuse Associations, having assembled at Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., 4th, 5th and 7th of October, 1844, do agree to adopt the following articles as the CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM of the Union Association:

1st. The Association shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the Churches composing this body, each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

2d. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. The Moderator to be elected by ballot; the Clerk and Treasurer by nomination and vote.

3d. The officers of the preceding meeting shall call the Association to order, and preside until their successors are elected.

4th. The Association shall sit as an Advisory Council, to consult upon all matters pertaining to the glory of God and the good of his Church, and to recommend such measures to the Churches composing this body, as, in their judgment, will conduce to their peace and prosperity. But in no case shall it make laws for the government and discipline of the Churches. We have one law-giver—Christ Jesus, and one statute book—the New Testament—the rule of our faith and practice.

5th. Whilst the Association disclaim all right to make laws for the Churches, it is, however, clearly admitted that she is empowered to give advice, and in all such cases, where the advice of the Association is given consistent with gospel principles and practices, and a Church or Churches shall treat such advice contemptuously, or refuse to be advised, it shall be discretionary with the Association to withdraw her fellowship from such Church or Churches, if she deems it expedient so to do.

6th. The Annual session will commence Friday before the first Sabbath in October in each year, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Association, and continue till Monday, and longer if necessary.

7th. The Churches within our bounds are requested to send their candidates, for the gospel ministry, to the Association for examination; who, if approved, shall receive a certificate of the same from the Moderator, to be ordained when and where the Church with which he holds his membership may select. This is intended to keep the "unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace."

8th. The Association shall have power to invite ministering brethren to take a seat in her body, to correspond by Letter and Delegates with sister Associations, and such Ministers and Delegates shall have the

privilege of making motions and debating any question, but shall not be entitled to vote.

9th. This Constitution may be altered or amended at an Annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. At each meeting the Moderator, or in his absence, the Secretary, shall take the chair and shall call the members to order, shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the Association, by any two members. He shall open and close the Association by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees. He may speak in debate upon important questions, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2d. The names of the delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3d. Invitations shall be extended to ministering brethren present, to a seat in the Association.

4th. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks before the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak to the same question more than twice without leave.

5th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, none shall walk out or cross the house, nor when a member is speaking, shall talk or whisper to each other, or pass between the speaker and the chair.

6th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

7th. After a motion is stated by the Moderator, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

8th. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

9th. When a motion has been once read, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10th. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be decided by a vote of the Association.

11th. No member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. These rules of decorum may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association, by a majority of the votes of the delegates present.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

1st. This Society shall be denominated the UNION BIBLE SOCIETY, auxiliary to the North-Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

2d. The object of this Society shall be to aid the A. and F. Bible Society in the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures in all lands.

3d. The members of this Society shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

4th. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually, and who shall form a quorum for transacting all business in the intervals of the Society's meetings.

5th. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place with the annual meetings of the Union Association.

6th. This Constitution shall be subject to be altered or amended at its annual meetings, by a vote of two-thirds of the numbers present.

Proceedings at its First Annual Meeting.

The President, B. Oliver, called the meeting to order, and declined a re-election.

G. R. French was elected President, Rev. J. J. Finlay and George Fennell, Vice-Presidents; A. J. Battle, Secretary, and James Carroll, Treasurer.

The following names were reported as members:

SUBSCRIBED AT WELL'S CHAPEL, TO R. JACKS.

Lewis Highsmith,	$1 00	Elizabeth Alderman,	$ 25
Isaac Newton,	50	A. J. Highsmith,	25
Reuben Rogers,	25	John Blanton,	25
Noah Rogers,	25	Dorcas Blanton,	25
Noah Highsmith,	75	Mary Wells,	25
Isaac N. Bland,	50	Phebe Highsmith,	25
Daniel Bland,	25	David Alderman,	50
Esther, Bland,	50	Eliza Newton,	50
Sarah Marshban,	25		

SUBSCRIBED AT BEAR MARSH, APRIL, 1845.

Joshua Loftin,	$ 50	B. Foskon,	$ 50
Jesse Millard,	25	B. Glisson,	50
Joseph W. Grimes,	25	C. J. White,	50
Joel Loftin,	25	J C. Wilson,	50
H. C. Kornegay,	25	A. R. Hicler and lady,	50
Sarah Hodges,	25	Bryant Elmore,	25
Lucretia Wilson,	25	James F. Kornegay,	50
Martha E. Loftin,	50	John Hall,	50
Rebecca Hodges,	25	James Dunn,	50
Ann J. Oliver,	80	W. J. Kornegay,	50
A. C. Dickson,	50	W. Kornegay,	10
Rebecca Bennett,	25	J. Bennett,	10
Sister Averitt,	25	W. Jernegan,	25
B. Oliver,	1 00	T. C. Garrison,	25
Bryan Dail,	25	S. M. Wilson,	25
D. Glisson,	50	C. J. Oates,	50
John Carr,	50	Joseph T. Rhodes,	1 00
Stephen Williams,	50	R. Rayford,	25
John D. Pearsall,	50	Mary Wilson,	25
David Bennett,	1 00	Susan Greer,	25
F. O. Wilson,	1 00	Margaret Ramsay,	50
R. Glisson	50	Bryan Forehand,	50
C. Loftin,	25		

SUBSCRIBED AT BEULAH, MAY, 1845.

Mary Faison,	$ 50	J. M. Faison,	$ 50
Thomas Boon,	10	R. J. Hines,	25
Nancy Boon,	10	Palsey E. Watkins,	10
Elizabeth Faison,	25	Jonas King,	12
Jane Hines,	25	Ollin Lewis,	20
Sally Millard,	25	L. W. Wright,	50
Eliza Millard,	25	Curtis Thompson,	25
Margaret Faison,	25	Alworth King,	25
Owen Watkins,	10	C. C. Oates,	25
E. C. Gavin,	1 00	W. Wright,	50
M. C. Blount,	25	E. Vail,	25
Joel Hines,	25	Nancy Chesnutt,	15
N. Faison,	25	Sarah J. Rouse,	5
F. B. Millard,	25	Ann Oates,	25
Junius Millard,	13	Eddy Boon,	10
R. W. Millard,	13	W. K. Stewart,	25
Luther R. Millard,	5	A. J. Mosely,	20
David T. Millard,	5	J. C. Holmes,	25
W. H. Faison,	25	E. Holland,	25
Ellinor Oates,	40		

SUBSCRIBED AT RICHLAND CHAPEL, JUNE, 1845.

Sister Huggins,	$1 00	A. B. Averitt,	$ 50
" Harrell,	2 50	Thomas Jarman,	25
A. B. Williams,	25	N. M. Havens,	1 00
J. M. Thompson,	2 00	A. H. Richardson,	1 00
Dr. C. Duffey,	2 50	Jacob Wood,	25
J. A. Averitt,	5 00	R. T. Willis,	50
J. A. Averitt, Jun.,	1 00		

SUBSCRIBED AT LEBANON AND LISBON, JULY, 1845.

George Fennell,	$3 00	Ann Blackburn,	$ 20
Thomas Corbett,	20	Sarah A. Carroll,	25
C. B. Corbett,	25	Elizabeth Mathis,	25
J. Stringfield,	25	Elizabeth Herring,	25
O. Alderman,	2 00	Martha Robinson,	25
Enoch Peterson,	50	Sarah Cooper,	25
Catharine Dickson,	50	Elizabeth Spearman,	25
Eliza Fennell,	25	Mary E. Spearman,	25
Margarett Fennell,	25	John Cooper,	25
Sabra Herring,	25	Richard Herring,	25
Dicy Herring,	20	Amos Herring,	25
Martha Smith,	20	W. R. Parker,	25
Terecia Armstrong,	20	George Herring,	25
Sarah Blackburn,	20	Benjamin Robinson,	25
Rebecca Vann,	20	Hardy Herring,	50
Emily Cooper,	25	W. D. Peterson,	25
Susana Mathis,	25		

MONIES REPORTED TO THIS MEETING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

James Carroll, for self,	$2 00	George Newton,	$1 00
do. Collected as Treasurer,	2 75	W. C. Rogers,	1 00
B. Oliver,	1 00	J. W. Taylor,	1 00
J. M. Daniel,	1 00	Riley's Creek Church,	87
H. E. Royal, (old subscription,)	1 00	Mount Zion, do.	75
—— Brown, "	25	Lebanon, do.	25
Wm. Frier, "	50	Concord, do.	2 27
do. for others,	1 50	Well's Chapel,	5 00
A. B. Alderman,	1 00	W. B. Wells,	1 00

Of the above, $4 52 is for Foreign translation.

Elder R. Jacks reported that, while travelling and preaching in the bounds of the Union Association:

He sold 45 Bibles, : : : : :	$32 75
" " 61 Testaments, : : : :	11 93
He gave 26 Bibles, : : : : :	
" " 25 Testaments, : : : :	

He supplied forty-six destitute families, who gladly received the word of life, but found two destitute families who refused to receive the Bible as a gift, nor would they buy it.

G. R. FRENCH, *President.*

A. J. BATTLE, *Secretary.*

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH,

AT WILMINGTON, N. C.,

OCT. 2nd—5th, 1846.

WILMINGTON:

LORING & STRINGER, BOOK & JOB PRINTERS.

1846.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members, shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem. who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debateable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th ch. 16, 17, and 18th verses, and all public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules, to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES, &c.

The Delegates having assembled at 5 o'clock, P. M. Bro. B. Oliver, the Moderator, called the association to order, and requested Elder R. Furman to open with Praise and Prayer.

The Clerk being absent, Bro. T. C. Garrison was chosen clerk pro. tem.

The names of Churches were called, and absentees noted.

On motion a Financial Committee was appointed, consisting of brethren Laban Carroll, C. C. Oates, and H. E. Royal.

Elder W. P. Biddle, who was appointed to preach the introductory Sermon, and his alternate being absent, Elder R. Furman was appointed to preach it to-night at 7 1-2 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At 7 1-2 o'clock, Elder Furman preached the introductory sermon from John, 8th Chapter, and 36 verse.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder A. Jones.

The letters from the Churches were called for and read. The names of Delegates were enrolled and statistics recorded. *See Table.*

A letter was presented from the Church at Washington, Beaufort County, formerly a member of the Neuse Association, applying for membership. Also, a letter from the Church at Warren M. H., Carteret County, under similar circumstances.

The letters having been read, and names of Delegates recorded, the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Bro. Oliver expressed his desire to retire. Elder James McDaniel was elected Moderator, Elder A. J. Battle Secretary, and Bro. H. Moore Treasurer.

On motion, the letters from Washington, and Warren M. H., were received, and the Churches cordially welcomed as members of this body, the right hand of fellowship being given by the Moderator to their Delegates.

A petitionary letter was read, from a newly constituted Church, at Piney Grove, Sampson County, and on motion the right hand of fellowship was given to her Delegates.

A petitionary letter was read from Pleasant Spring Church, Sampson County, and on motion, the right hand of fellowship was given to her Delegates.

A petitionary letter was read from the Church at Boykin's Chapel, Sampson County, and on motion, the right hand of fellowship was given to her Delegates.

A petitionary letter was read from the Church at Thunder Swamp, Wayne County, and laid on the table.

On motion, visiting Ministers of our own, and other denominations, and also corresponding brethren were invited to take seats with us.

On motion, the letter from Thunder Swamp was called up, and after explanations by Bro. Oliver, was received, and the right hand of fellowship was given to her Delegates.

On motion, proceeded to raise the following Committees:

On Arrangement.—R. Furman, B. Oliver, and L. Carroll.

On the state of Religion, and best means of promoting it among our Churches.—Geo. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, and A. Jones.

On Correspondence.—R. Furman, D. Jones, and C. Smith.

On Temperance.—J. J. Bryan, B. Oliver, and H. Moore.

To arrange the order of Preaching.—J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, McBlount, and B. Oliver.

On motion, adjourned to 2 1-2 o'clock; prayer by Elder Rogers.

The Association met at 2 1-2 o'clock; prayer by Elder Wallace.

The Committee on arrangement report as follows.

1. Read the Constitution and Rules of Order.
2. References on last year's minutes.
3. Petitions for next Session of the Association.
4. Examination of Candidates for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. General Business.

The Committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution and Rules of Decorum reported; report adopted—see last page. The report of the Committee on Itinerancy was called for and read.

On motion, the report was laid on the table to be called up Monday.

On motion, the letter from Riley's Creek, was called up, and referred to a Committee, consisting of R. Furman, B. Oliver, and H. Moore.

A letter was received from A. P. Repiton, and referred to the Committee on arrangement.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning; prayer by Elder Furman, and benediction by Moderator.

SABBATH.

The exercises were opened by Elder G. W. Wallace, in the morning; Elder L. F. Williams preached in the afternoon, and Elder R. Furman closed at Night. The congregations were large and attentive through the day, and much affected at the close of the services at night. The appeal in behalf of the objects of the Association were responded to by a collection of $53,43. The hope is cheerfully entertained that the blessing of the Lord will rest on these interesting and affecting exercises.

Monday Morning.

The Association met at 9 o'clock; Prayer by Elder Williams.

The Roll of Delegates was called and corrected.

On motion, *Resolved,* that the collection Sabbath night, be appropriated to the Itinerant Fund.

The Committee to write a letter to the Church, at Riley's Creek, re-

ported a letter, which was read and approved and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See letter F.

Information was received from the Delegate from Mt. Zion Church, that some mistake occurred in noting down her contribution last year.

Resolved, That we regret such mistake, but have no doubt that the funds were received, and duly appropriated.

On motion, appointed Bro. C. D. Ellis to audit the Treasurer's report for last year.

The report on the State of Religion, and best means of promoting it in our bounds, was called for and read. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See letter E.

The Committee on the letter of A. P. Repiton reported, that in their opinion, his letter should be read before the Association.

On motion, the letter was read. The Committee then presented the following resolution, as their reply to the letter.

WHEREAS, a Communication has been handed in to this body signed A. P. Repiton, protesting against the action of Mount Holly Church, in excluding him from her fellowship; and requesting the interference of the Association in the premises.

1st. *Resolved*, That we have full and undiminished confidence in the Mount Holly Church.

2d. *Resolved*, That the action demanded of the Association in this letter, is an infringement on the independence of the Churches, and contrary to the usages of the Baptist Denomination.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See letter D.

The report on Itinerancy was called up, and after some discussion was approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. See letter C.

The Committee on Finance, reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See letter A.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following preamble and resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Bethlehem Church in New Hanover County, has been misled and induced to receive to her fellowship certain persons who had been expelled from the Wilmington Church, and whereas, the Bethlehem Church has become convinced of the impropriety of said act, and have unanimously rescinded the act, retraced their steps, and expressed the hope that the Association will accept their concession and amendment; Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Association commend the Bethlehem Church, for her rescinding said act, and regard them now in proper standing.

Bro. Ellis, appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See letter B.

On motion, *Resolved*, That an Executive Committee be appointed, consisting of nine, any four of whom, including the Chairman, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Appointed, A. J. Battle, B. Oliver, D. Jones, H. Moore, H. E. Royal, F. B. Millard, J. D. Carrol, J. M. Fennell, and L. Highsmith, that Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a subscription be now taken up for

the Itinerant Fund, which was accordingly done, amounting to about seventy-five dollars.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a protracted meeting be held on each fifth Sabbath in different parts of the Association, during the next year, that the Executive Committee shall locate them at such places as will accommodate the different sections in our bounds, and that our Ministers, generally, be requested to attend them; and that a public collection be taken up at each meeting in aid of the objects of the Association.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all the funds, in the hands of the Treasurer, exclusive of Eighty Dollars, to be reserved for printing Minutes, be placed at the control of the executive Committee for the benefit of the Itinerant service.

The Committee appointed last year on a Book Depository, reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

Moved, that the report be laid upon the table.

On motion, appointed Elders Wm. P. Biddle, James McDaniel, A. J. Battle, and Aaron Jones, Delegates to the Council to meet at Union M. H., Lenoir County, on Friday before the first Lord's day in Nov. next.

On motion, appointed, Elder J. McDaniel, and brethren J. J. Bryan, Laban Carroll, and Curtis C. Oates, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to meet in Raleigh, before the 3d Lord's day in October.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Treasurer pay forty Dollars to any one of our Delegates to carry to the Convention.

On motion, adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock to-night; Prayer by Elder Wallace.

The Association met at 7 1-2 o'clock at night; Prayer by Elder Rogers.

On motion, the correspondence with the Raleigh Association was called up, and our Delegate, Bro. H. E.Royal, reported his attendance, and the satisfaction the brethren expressed with our correspondence. Also, that they had appointed Delegates who had failed to attend. The report was satisfactory.

On motion, appointed Elder L. F. Williams, A. J. Battle, A. Jones, and brethren, H. E. Royal, and N. Faison, our Delegates to our Sister Raleigh Association, to bear letter and Minutes.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we open a correspondence with our sister Cape Fear Association, and appoint Elders G. W. Wallace, Jesse Rogers, and Bro. David Rogers, Jr., our Delegates to bear letter and Minutes.

On motion, appointed Elder A. J. Battle, our Delegate to our sister Chowan Association, to bear a letter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Union Association become auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that our Secretary report to the Secretary of the Home Mission Department.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, in making their organization the medium for Bible operations for the South.

On motion, *Resolved*, That each of us will use his influence with our respective Churches, to induce them to forward such contributions, as they can afford, to our next Association, for the support of our Itinerant Ministers, and other purposes of the Association.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the members of this Church, and the citizens of Wilmington, for their kind and generous hospitalities during the continuance of the meeting.

Further, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association, be tendered to our brethren of other Denominations, who have kindly offered to us the use of their Houses of Worship.

Further, *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, for the accommodation extended to the Delegates and visiters in coming to and returning from the Association.

On motion, appointed the next Session of the Association to be held at Harriet's Chapel, Lenoir County, on Friday before the first Lord's day in Oct. 1847.

On motion, appointed Elder R. Furman to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder J. McDaniel, to preach the Charity sermon on Sabbath.

Resolved, That 1300 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed as usual.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the clerk $25 for transcribing, attending to printing, and distributing the Minutes.

The Moderator being called on to address the Association upon closing its business, did so in a very feeling manner; and was followed by Elder Furman in a tender and appropriate address. The song beginning

"Hail, sweetest, dearest tie that binds,"

was then sung by the whole Association, while the parting hand was given amid the falling of many tears, after which, the adjourning prayer was offered up by Elder Furman.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Moderator.*

A. J. BATTLE, *Clerk.*

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE UNION ASSOCIATION:

James McDaniel, *Wilmington*,
James L. Warren, *Long Creek Bridge*,
Geo. Fennell, *Harrell's Store*,
I. W. West, *Teachey's Depot.*
Jesse Rogers, *Black River*,
H. P. Brinson, *do.* *do.*
David Wells, *Harrell's Store*,
H. Stallings, *Limestone*,
Wm. Potter, *Clinton*,
P. Rackly, *do.*
G. W. Wallace, *Bear Branch*,
G. W. Hufham, *Faison's Depot*,
L. F. Williams, *do.* *do.*
Aaron Jones, *Goldsboro'*
A. J. Battle, *do.*
H. Swinson, *Snow Hill*,
Wm. P. Biddle, *Newbern*,
R. Furman, *do.*
—— Askew, *Kinston*,
Wm. B. Rhem, *Jacksonville*,
J. D. Elwell, *Washington.*

A TABLE,

Showing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, Number received by letter, Restored, by Experience, Dismissed by letter, Excluded, Died, Total, Amount Contributed, Time of monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, Post Offices.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	By Experience	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Association Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Bible Society.	Convention Fund.	MONTHLEY MEETINGS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.	POST OFFICES.
NEW HANOVER,																
Wilmington,	J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, J. J. Bryan,	14	4	1		4	4	1	226	2,50	10,00			Each Sabbath,		Wilmington.
Mount Holly,	Laban Carroll, H. Croom, A. M. Lamb,					2	2		48	2,00				4th "	Feb. May Aug. Nov.	Sill's Creek.
Riley's Creek,	J. L. Warren,* D. Lewis, T. Swinson,						1	2	39	1,00				1st "	Mar. June Sept. Dec.	Long Creek.
Moore's Creek,	H. P. Brinson, Thos. Rooks, A. Alderman,		1				10	4	163	3,67		1,50	1,50	4th "	" " " "	" "
Bethlehem,	J. F. Pridgen, S. Lewis, W. Keith,					1		3	85	2,00						
Marshalls,	G. W. Marshall J. H. Marshall J. M. Marshall								42	2,95						
Lebanon,	C. B. Cobett, O. Alderman,*	2	1				3		61	2,00		4,00	10,00	3d "	Jan. April July Oct.	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,	A. B. Alderman* H. Alderman* J. Alderman,					5			74	1,50						
Well's Chapel,	L. Highsmith, J. T. Bland, David Wells,*	2				2	5		165	4,00			11,00	2d "	" " " "	" "
BLADEN.																
Mt. Zion.	Sam'l. Andrews, J. O. Andrews,* G. Russ,					1		1	48	2,00		1,75	2,75			
SAMPSON.																
Lisbon,	A. Herring,* R. Herring, A. M. Blackburn,*	1				3	6	2	76	2,80				1st "	Feb. May Aug. Nov.	Lisbon.
Red Hill,	D. Mathis, S. A. Powell, C. N. Powell,	1	3				1	1	29	1,50				2d "	" " " "	"
New Hope,	L. Carroll, H. Hallingsworth, A. M Rackley,	2	5			2	2		91	2,60				2d "	" " " "	Warsaw.
Rowan,	O. Williamson,* W. Peterson,* S. Peterson,*	2				44	2		96	2,00				4th "	" " " "	Clinton.
Boykin's Chapel,	L. R. Peterson,* L. Boykin,* T. W. Boykin,	4	7		1			1	54	2,00	4,22					"
Pleasant Springs,	David Rogers, Jr.								14	1,00						"
Fork M. H.	L. Rich,* H. Spell,* D. Marshburn,*	3					1	2	23	1,00						"
Pleasant Union.	Not heard from—No. as last year,								95					4th "		"
Salem,	Wm. Vaun, B. Faircloth, T. Underwood,*	19	2		12				117	3,00				1st "	Mar. June Sept. Dec.	"
Browers,	H. E. Royal, A. Brown, O. Lewis,*	2	5			5	1	2	71	1,75				4th "	Jan. April July Oct.	"
Piney Grove.	W. Durden, A. King,* Joel Hines,								55	2,00				3d "		Faison's Depot.
Beulah,	C. C. Oates, C. J. Oates, McBlount,	22	2		1	10		1	88	2,10				1st "	Mar. June Sept. Dec.	Warsaw.
WAYNE.																
Thunder Swamp,	G. W. Wallace, J. Denmark, Sam'l Flowers, *								55	2,50	6,70			1st "		Faison's Depot.

Goldsboro',	A. Jones, A. J. Battle, T. C. Garrison,	7	3		4	3	1	25	1,50				3d	"	Jan. April July Oct.	Goldsboro'.
DUPLIN.																
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, H. Moore, J. G. Dickson,*	13	3		4	5	1	193	2,50				3d	"	Feb. May Aug. Nov.	Bear Branch.
Johnson's,	A. Guy, W. Holland, R. Best,*	4			6	5	1	136	1,60	4,53			2d	"	" " " "	Warsaw.
Kenansville,	G. W. Hufham,* J. T. Carroll, T. J. Holland,	1	2	1	1		2	54	2,50				2d	"	" " " "	Kenansville,
Beaver Dam,	J. D. Carroll,* L. G. Bass,* J. W. Swinson,				1	2		81	2,00	1,00			4th	"	Jan. April July Oct.	Strickland's Depot.
Concord,	I. Peterson, S. Williams, W. B. Wells,*				4	4	1	138	3,15		4,50	4,50	3d	"	Feb. May Aug. Nov.	" "
Berea,	H. Murray,* F. Savage,* S. Stallings,*	2	2		2			39	1,15				3d	"	" " " "	Teachy's Depot.
Island Creek,	John A. Boney, B. Cavenaugh,		1		1			53	2,00				1st	"	Mar. June Sept. Dec.	" "
ONSLOW.																
Richland Chapel,	Not heard from—No. as last year,							14					3d	"		Richlands.
Bay M. H.	J. M. Thompson, J. G. Rochelle,* R. S. Fair,	1		1		2		20	2,00				4th	"		Onslow C. H.
CARTERET.																
Warren's M. H.	Calvin Davis,* Joseph Wade,*							76	2,00							Beaufort.
JONES.																
Piney Grove,	Not heard from—No. as last year.							76								Trenton.
CRAVEN.																
Brice's Creek,	J. W. Pelitier, J. C. Dennies,	9				1		49	2,00							Newbern.
Newbern,	R. Furman, J. C. Stevenson,* Z. Slade,*							118	4,00				Each	"		"
BEAUFORT.																
Washington,	J. D. Elwell,* L. D. Houston,*	81	4	3			1	111	2,00							Washington.
PITT.																
Greenville,	Not heard from—No. as last year,							39								Greenville.
Hancock,	C. Smith, John Cannon,	14				1		26	2,00							"
LENOIR.																
Harriet's Chapel,	David Jones, J. Jackson,* S. Loftin,*	3			3	2		75	4,00				3d & 4th	"		Kinston.
	Donations at the Association for Convention,											11,12				

*Absent.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have Received for the Association fund $82,27

Received for the Itinerant fund from the Churches	$26,45	
" " " " Sabbath Collection	53,43	79,88
" " Baptist State Convention for Home Mission fund	$6,50	
" Foreign " "	9,50	
" Education " "	9,50	
Not appropriated by the Churches	4,80	
Donations by brethren at this Association	11,12	41,42
Received for Union Bible Society		14,25
		$217,82

All of which has been paid over to the Treasurer, and is respectfully submitted. LABAN CARROLL, *Chairman.*

P. S. We have not noted down the pledges for the Itinerant fund, as they are in the Treasurer's hands, amounting to over $200, available in the course of the year. L. C.

B.

H. MOORE, Treasurer,

1846. *To Union Association—Dr.*

Oct. 2d To balance in hand Oct. 4, 1845	$226,18
" cash of Harriet's Chapel, by D. Jones,	46,00
" " " Bear Marsh, by B. Oliver,	10,00
" " Collected by Elder G. W. Wallace,	29,75
" " " " Elder A. Jones,	4,50
	$316,43

Contra.

By cash to Convention by H. E. Royal,	$30,00	
" " to Clerk for transcribing Minutes,	15,00	
" " for Printing Minutes	40,00	
" " Elder N. M. Havins, balance on last year,	14,50	
" " to Southern Baptist Convention,	3,00	
" " Elder L. F. Williams, Itinerant	23,33	
" " Elder A. Jones, "	65,00	
" " Elder G. W. Wallace, "	85,00	275,83
Balance in hand Oct. 5, 1846		$40,60

Audited by C. D. Ellis.

The Clerk has taken pains to ascertain how much funds has been contributed in the bounds of the Union Association, the past year, to the several benevolent objects presented by their agents, and finds the following amounts

Cash and pledges to L. Dupre for Bible Society	$553,50	
" " to G. W. Thompson, Wake Forest College,	323,38	
" " to the Association for sundry purposes,	496,03	
" Sent to the Convention by agents and others,	150,50	
		$1,523 41

This statement is presented, that it may be known, what has been done, and to encourage our brethren and friends, to increased liberality, seeing they have accomplished so much, with so little effort, and feel the burden so lightly. " The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

C.

The Committee on Itinerancy, for the Union Association, beg leave to report,

That they held a meeting at as early a period, as their distance from each other would allow. They found it impracticable to carry out the recommendations of the Association at its last Session, so far as they related to the division of our bounds into sections, for the want of funds. To remedy this, they deemed it important to secure the services of a competent Minister to visit all the churches as an agent, to lay before them the plan and wishes of the Association, and to solicit them to contribute liberally to create a fund, that would enable your committee to do something the present year toward carrying out the views of the Association. They appointed our esteemed brother George Fennell, to this service, and urged his acceptance ; but he declined on account of his Pastoral relations, and the care of his large family.

They judged it best to employ what funds were available, in engaging such ministers in the Itinerancy, as probably could labor to the most advantage. They found brother Aaron Jones, colporteur for the American Tract Society, on a visit to the churches in our bounds, and considered him a suitable minister for an Itinerant ; and by adding on five Dollars per month, we secured his services till the first of June. Since that time, he has resigned his colportage, and fully given his services to the Itinerancy, at salary of twenty Dollars per month. He did this because some of our brethren considered his connexion with the Tract Society, somewhat inconsistent with the object we had in view by his labors. Your committee found brother Jones only a licentiate minister, and deemed it proper that he should be ordained, to be prepared to discharge all the duties of an Itinerant in the destitute places where he might have to travel and preach.

They therefore recommended that he should move his membership to some of our churches, that they might take the proper gospel steps to have him set apart to the work of the ministry.

Bro. Jones brought his letter from the Sandy Field Church in Orange County, and handed it in at Bear Marsh. He was then refered by the Church to the Itinerant Committee to have him examined, and if satisfied, to proceed to have him ordained. Your committee, with the assistance of Elder George W. Wallace, examined Bro. Jones, and were satisfied that his call to the ministry, and views of doctrine were such, as to justify his ordination; and requested Bro. Wallace to assist Bro. Battle in ordaining him; which they did, at Bear Marsh, on the third Sunday in February. Your committee did not intend, nor did they consider, that in this proceeding they were violating the resolution of the Association, requesting the Churches to send their licentiates to the Association for examination, previous to ordination. They found Bro. Jones, every way qualified to render the service they desired to have performed, except being ordained, and considering themselves acting for the Association in every thing pertaining to the Itinerancy, felt that they were but doing what the Association would have had them do in such a case. Your committee deem it proper to say that they highly approve the resolution of the Association, and can but express the hope that it may be continued, and strictly adhered to by all the Churches.

Bro. Jones, reports as follows: "Since my appointment to labor within your bounds, I have had abundant reason to thank God for the special aid of his Holy Spirit, in my feeble attempts to carry out what I conceived to be the object of the committee. I commenced on the first of January, in the bounds of the Beulah congregation, where I continued six weeks. This resulted in the hopeful conversion of about thirty persons, most of whom have connected themselves with Beulah Church. Many others were inquiring 'what shall we do?' and there is reason to hope, that many more will be brought from 'darkness to light' and added to the Church. This work was effected mainly through the instrumentality of visits from house to house, and nightly prayer meetings. During the time, about 45 prayer meetings were held, ten sermons preached, and all the families, the members of which were made the subjects of awakening, were repeatedly visited, prayed for and conversed with. I met with the cordial co-operation of the brethren in my several objects. I think I can say that my hands were held up by the prayers and sympathies of the people of God.

My next effort was with Thunder Swamp Church, where I remained over two weeks. This resulted in the hopeful conversion of five person, two of whom I had the pleasure of leading 'down into the water.' Many others were deeply concerned, some of whom I have since learned have joined the Free Will Baptists. During the time, held six prayer meetings, preached 14 times, and visited and prayed with the anxious nearly every day.

I next visited Salem Church according to an arrangement with Bro. Senter their Pastor, where we continued one week. Held four prayer meetings, preached seven times, visited and conversed with all the families. This resulted in the hopeful conversion of three persons, the addition to the Church of six, that had been lying out. I also

aided in the administration of the Lord's Supper. When we left, the work seemed but just begun, and many appeared to be "almost persuaded to be christians."

From Salem I went with Bro. Senter to Red Hill, where we remained a week. Here I preached nine times, held two prayer meetings, visited a few but not all the families, being prevented by high water. I had the pleasure on Sabbath, by request of Bro. Senter, he being unwell, of burying one willing convert with Christ in Baptism. I assisted also in the ordination of two Deacons.

From Red Hill, we came to Rowan, where we spent a week.—Preached seven times, held three prayer meetings, and assisted Bro. Senter in constituting a new Church, to be called Boykin's Chapel.—This house of worship was built principally by Bro. John Boykin, whose name it bears. Over 40 members were constituted into the Church, with a prospect of considerable increase.

We next visited Brown's, where we preached four times, staying only 3 days. I again assisted in administering the Sacrament. There was no special excitement here.

I next visited Bear Marsh, remaining several days, held four prayer meetings, preached three times, and at the request of Bro. Swinson their Pastor, Baptised 5 colored persons.

My next visit was to Waynesboro' and Goldsboro,' at which places I preached four times. I found the Church at Goldsboro' without a Pastor, and very much scattered, I made an arrangement to supply them with monthly preaching, with the approbation of the Committee. I think by pursuing a proper course, an interest may be gotten up at this place of some importance to our cause.

Next I visited Bear Marsh again, preached twice, held one prayer meeting, and in the absence of the Pastor, and by the request of the Church, Baptised a colored man.

Next I joined Bro. Wallace and travelled with him two days, preaching once at a new Church called Bethlehem. I then returned to Goldsboro' by way of Trenton and Kinston, preaching at each place, and twice by the way. I preached at Goldsboro' and Waynesboro' once each. Considerable interest and solemnity at all these places. I then passed by and preached at Thunder Swamp twice, which closed my labors to the 1st of June.

SUMMARY OF LABORS.

Preached 69 sermons; held 65 prayer meetings; and Baptised 9. Received in money and pledges $12,50 towards the Itinerancy next year, from five individuals.

Bro. Jones continues his report and says, "since my appointment from the 1st June, I began my labors the 11th August, first at Goldsboro' where I preached four times. I then appointed a protracted meeting at Goldsboro' commencing on Saturday before the fourth sabbath in August, preaching in the interval once at Bear Creek, Lenoir Co. During the protracted meeting I preached every day and night, aided in part by Bro. Battle and a Methodist Bro., Freeman, in all ten sermons. There is reason to hope that this meeting will result in good, as many

were brought, as we trust, under the awakening influence of the Holy Spirit. One person was baptised. An important result of this meeting was the resuscitation of the Goldsboro' Church, that had been for many months without preaching, and without regular church meetings. Arrangements were made at this time for a regular supply of monthly preaching, and for holding regular conference meetings. On the last day of the meeting I was attacked with billious fever which continued several days. I was so far restored, however, as to preach, in connection with Bro. Battle, at Bear Creek, the first sabbath in September. On the Wednesday after, I commenced a meeting at Bear Creek which continued 9 days, and resulted in the hopeful conversion of eight persons, one of whom I baptized. It also resulted in a general awakening in the community. Some seventeen or eighteen penitents were still crying "what shall we do?" when the meeting closed because I had to attend my monthly meeting at Goldsboro.' During this interesting meeting ten sermons were preached and eight prayer meetings held.

After the meeting at Goldsboro' I commenced at Mewborn's M. H., Green Co., which lasted seven days. At this meeting the Lord was graciously pleased to pour out his spirit in a most powerful manner, so that, from day to day the place was to many souls, "the house of God, and the very gate of Heaven." About twelve persons hopefully passed from death unto life; three were baptized and about thirty-five anxious inquirers were left earnestly seeking the way of life. There were eight sermons preached and 6 prayer meetings held.

And this, dear brethren, brings me up to the present time, at which the results of the year are expected to be laid before the Association. Hoping that, that body will be encouraged to continue a series of similar labors within its bounds during the next associational year—and that the results will far exceed those of the past."

SUMMARY OF LABORS AND SUCCESS.

Preached 42 Sermons, held 16 Prayer Meetings, Baptized 2; 21 hopeful conversions—between 50 and 60 penitents left at the different meetings.

Your committee finding Bro. Geo. W. Wallace a suitable Minister for the Itinerancy, and only partially engaged as a Pastor, gave him employment for as much time as he could give to travelling up to the meeting of the Association, at a salary of twenty dollars per month, and submit his report as follows:

"It becomes my duty to lay before you the result of my labors, as your Itinerant in the bounds of the Union Association. I set off from home the 6th of May last, and travelled through the counties of Jones, Craven and Carteret—these being mainly the field of my labor. To each church and congregation where I preached I endeavored to explain to them my mission, and the plan and design of the committee. I found the Churches and congregations, pleased with the plan. I found the above named counties, entirely destitute of located Ministers of our denomination. My congregations were generally large, attentive and solemn. In some parts of Carteret bordering on the sea-

board, such was the desire of the people to hear preaching, that it was not an unfrequent occurrence for them to come together twice a day, to hear the word of life ; and sometimes if they knew where the Minister stopped over night, they would come for him to preach to them, and talk about heavenly things ; and then to hear the sobs of mourners and the rejoicing of young converts, was truly delightful to the christian's heart. I made it my business to visit as many families as I well could, to talk with them about Jesus and pray and sing with them.

I have been in the service of the committee three months and a half. I have not noted down the number of sermons I preached, as I considered that useless. I can only say that I have tried to do my duty, and carry out the instructions of the committee. I have baptized twenty persons during my service—assisted in constituting one church at Bethlehem, Jones Co., and assisted in ordaining one Deacon for the church at Warren's M. H. I found this church doing nothing, but got them moving on again in a prosperous manner, and many have been added to their number. I also found a church on North River in Carteret, which had almost gone down. It has been set in order, and is moving on prosperously. And now brethren, in conclusion, permit me to remind you, that this region of country is almost entirely destitute of Baptist preaching. The people are generally disposed to be Baptists. I have immersed several Peodo-baptists who rejoiced that an opportunity offered, when they could follow their lord and master in this glorious ordinance. Their cry is, come over and help us, we want to hear the words of eternal life.

Received in cash $29,75, and in good pledges $44 for the Itinerant fund.

Your committee felt desirous that the churches generally, should share a part of the services of your Itinerants during the year, and finding Bro. Lewis F. Williams disengaged from pastoral labors, engaged him to visit as many of the churches as the cares of his family would admit, to encourage them to sustain the itinerancy, and send up to the association, money or pledges for the next year's operations. He reports as follows :

" I herewith transmit to you a report of my labors as an Itinerant for the Union Association. I first visited New Hope, the 2d Saturday and Sunday in April, then successively Piney Grove, Buelah, Concord, Carroll's Chapel, Boykin's Chapel, Brown's, Holly Grove, (an arm of Salem) Lisbon and Well's Chapel, at all of which places, I preached at their usual time of meetings Saturday and Sunday ; sat in conference with them, aided them as far as I could, and laid before them the wishes of the Committee, and trust they will all do something to sustain the objects of the Association. I found most of the Churches in a cold state, some destitute of regular preaching, and others burdened with perplexing cases of discipline.

Hearing of Bro. Wallace's ill state of health, and the great need of preaching in his field of labor, and by the advice of some of your committee, I set off with him on the 10th July to Jones county. I was gone eleven days, preached ten sermons, travelled 125 miles, and baptized one person. In this trip, I found a great want of preaching,

not only in Jones, but also in Lenoir, part of which I passed through. In Jones, the country is thickly settled, the land mostly in the hands of a few wealthy persons, but they, both professor and non-professor of religion, are desirous of having preaching, and are able and willing to support the ministry. Things have not been rightly represented to them, and in consequence of it, they have experienced a draw back; but could they have the word of God delivered in faithfulness and at regular times, as well as our plan of operations fully understood, I think there would be a great addition to our churches. I did not make my mission known in this tour, as it was in Bro. Wallace's field of operations.

SUMMARY OF LABORS.

Engaged 34 days, preached 33 sermons, and travelled 465 miles.

AGGREGATE OF LABORS BY THE THREE ITINERANTS.

Employed 334 days—144 sermons—81 prayer meetings—(Elder Wallace not reporting the number of sermons he preached or prayer meetings held)—32 persons baptized—at an expense of $173 50.

The reports of your Missionaries are nearly given in full, that the Churches may hear for themselves what has been done, and how it has been done. It may be asked by some, is the amonnt of labor performed, and the good that has been done, worth the money spent to accomplish it? If such will tell us how much the conversion of a single soul is worth, we could better answer such a question. The Lord Jesus Christ estimates the salvation of a soul above the whole world, and he has ordained that "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." When, therefore, your Committee consider the number of conversions, and the additions to our Churches, as the result of the preaching and other labors of your Missionaries, and also the good influences upon our Churches and people, who have so willingly given their pledges to help sustain such labors, they regard the money spent as laid out to the best advantage, which will no doubt yield more than 100 per cent. in actual funds, besides the good that has already been secured. Could your Committee have had funds to justify it, they would gladly have given employment to every minister in your bounds, not fully engaged in pastoral services; and if all the ministers had been wholly engaged preaching the Gospel and visiting from house to house, conversing with and praying for the families as they travelled, how much good they might have accomplished, no one can tell; but no doubt it would have enabled your Committee to made such a report as would have filled your hearts with joy.

Surely, when our brethren see what faithful ministerial labors will accomplish, by the blessing of God, they will not be so backward to contribute of their substance sufficient to have every part of our limits supplied regularly with the ministry of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, tells them plainly, that they were not their own, for they had been bought with a price, the precious blood of the Redeemer. What they possessed also belonged unto the Lord; therefore, they should honor him with their substance, and glorify him

in their bodies and Spirit which are his. The same truths are applicable to every Christian at the present day. We are all agents for God, as it regards our earthly possessions. Is it right for an agent to withhold the property committed to his trust, when the owner needs it and calls for it? No more is it right for us who hold God's property in trust, to withhold it when he needs it, and calls for it to promote his kingdom. Our Ministers, who are ambassadors for Christ, are ready to go to work in the vineyard of the Lord, to win souls to Christ, and to build up our churches, but as the Lord's hirelings the means of support has been withheld; and nearly all of them have been almost driven from the Ministry by the pressure of their debts, which they have incurred whilst serving the churches. There is not enough of self denial among our church members, if any at all. But a poor pittance is given to any benevolent object, when any is given at all, and too often the little that is given, is regarded by the donor as a mere charity, whereas it should be considered as a debt due to the Lord that should be cheerfully paid. "For the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." If your committee only had as much money, as has been spent by our brethren for Tobacco and ardent spirits, also for Portrait paintings, Daguereotype likenesses, and a picture called the Christian Monitor, from neither of which can they ever derive any real good; or if they had as much money as our sisters spend for snuff, that does them an injury, and for wearing of gold, directly inviol ation of scripture command, they could no doubt give to all our ministers a competent salary for the whole year, who would gladly have supplied every part of our boundaries with the word of life. Could such have been the case, who can tell the number of souls that might have been converted by the blessing of God upon their labors.

Your committee in conclusion would express the hope, that another judicious committee may again be appointed, and that a more vigorous and united effort may be made to carry forward this good work.

A. J. BATTLE, *Chairman.*

DIGEST

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STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Wilmington.—In their letter, they say "we have great cause to humble ourselves before God, on account of our indifference about the things that make for our eternal peace. Our church has enjoyed an unusual degree of unity among its members the past year. We are not contented to enjoy the blessings of the gospel alone, but desire to unite our energies with our brethren, in sending it, in its purity, to a world lying in wickedness. To do this more effectually we sent one hundred dollars to the Southern Baptist Convention in June last, and our pastor as delegate, to aid in spreading the gospel in our own and foreign lands. We have two Sabbath Schools under our care, embracing from 80 to 100 students, and a library of 200 volumes. We observe the monthly concert of prayer, and keep up a weekly prayer meeting—Elder J. McDaniel is still our pastor."

Mount Holly.—"We have had during the past year, grievous trials to encounter, and have been under the necessity of excluding some from our fellowship, from whom we looked for better things. We have had no preaching since March, owing to the small pox being in the neighborhood. Elder R. McNabb is our pastor."

Riley's Creek.—Expresses dissatisfaction about the request of the Association, to the Churches, to send their licentiates to her annual sessions for examination; but says nothing about the state of religion among her members. See the letter in reply to her letter.

Moore's Creek.—"We have nothing interesting to communicate, but the reverse is our condition. We have decreased instead of increased. Our congregations are large and attentive. Elder George Fennell is our pastor."

Bethlehem.—After giving an account of their trials in receiving and excluding some expelled members from the Wilmington Church, they say—"our church is in a low condition. We have had but little preaching of late, and are without a pastor."

Marshall's M. H.—"Religion is at a low state among us, and we desire to see it revived. We have no pastor, and but little preaching. We desire to see the Redeemer's kingdom advanced."

Lebanon.—"It would be gratifying to us to have something of a reviving nature to communicate, but it is not our priviledge at present. Elder George Fennell is our pastor."

Well's Chapel.—"Since our last we have been in a sad decline. Our harps are oftener hung up than strung. Our hearts are not often made glad by hearing sinners tell what the Lord has done for them. Help us to pray; Oh lord revive thy work. Elder George Fennell is our pastor."

Bethel.—"Elder Jesse Rogers is our pastor. You will see by our letter that we have not prospered for the last twelve months. Oh Lord revive thy work."

Mount Zion.—"Elder George Fennell is our Pastor. Religion is at a low stand with us, though we are all at peace. Pray for us, brethren."

Lisbon.—"We have nothing interesting to communicate; we are all in peace among ourselves, and are under the pastoral care of Elder George Fennell."

Red Hill.—"We have nothing special to relate. We are at peace with each other, and are under the watch-care of Elder Stephen Senter, who preaches for us monthly."

New Hope.—"We have regular preaching three days in two months. We have large congregations and very attentive. Elder Jesse Howell is our pastor."

Rowan.—"We have no special revival, but are all at peace. We have enjoyed the pastoral labors of Elder Stephen Senter. We dismissed 44 of our members to form a new church at Boykin's Chapel."

Boykin's Chapel.—Was constituted during the past year by Elders Stephen Senter and Aaron Jones, April 21 1846. They express much concern about their coldness in religion. Elder Stephen Senter is their Pastor.

Pleasant Springs.—Was constituted by Elders George Fennell and Peyton Rockly during the past year. They express deep concern about the salvation of sinners around them. They have engaged Elder Jesse Rogers for their Pastor.

Fork M. H.—"We are all at peace. We would say to the Ministers of the Gospel come and preach for us, for there are a great number of poor sinners who need the word of life, and although we have the Gospel faithfully preached by our beloved Pastor Elder S. Senter, yet in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

Pleasant Union.—No letter nor Delegates was sent this year.

Salem.—"We have had some precious seasons the past year. Sinners have been convicted, mourners comforted, and old christians built up. Elder Stephen Senter is our Pastor who preaches for us monthly. Received 19 by Baptism."

Brown's.—"We are at peace among ourselves, our congregations have increased and are attentive. We have a good feeling among the members, and much seriousness among the people. Elder Stephen Senter is our Pastor."

Piney Grove, in Sampson,—Was constituted into a Church March 13th 1846, by Elders Jesse Howell, Wm. DuPre and G. W. Wallace. They appear to be rapidly increasing in numbers under the care of Elder G. W. Wallace their Pastor.

Beulah.—"Although we have been made to rejoice because of the outpouring of the Spirit of Christ upon us since our last letter to you, yet at present we are in a languid state. Elder David S. Williams is our Pastor. Received by Baptism 22."

Thunder Swamp.—Was constituted into a church October 5, 1845, by Elders G. W. Wallace and Wm. DuPre. They are rapidly increasing, and express much satisfaction with the labors of their Pastor Elder G. W. Wallace.

Goldsboro'.—"We have had a wintry season for a long time, have had no regular preaching for about 12 months, and had almost despaired of maintaining our standing as a church. But the Lord has graciously sent us a Minister, Elder A. Jones, who is now our Pastor; and whose labors appear to be attended with a blessing. We have agreed to pay $60, to the Itinerant fund, that we may have Bro. Jones' labors once a month."

Bear Marsh.—"We have been most of the time since your last session in a very lukewarm state, and have been under the necessity of excluding some few members for their unchristian conduct. Elder Henry Swinson is our Pastor."

Johnson's.—"We have had but little preaching the past year till August, since then we have had preaching regular two days in each month. Our congregations are large and attentive. We have had some difficulties to encounter, but the Lord has brought us out of them. We have kept up prayer meetings, but still we are in a cold state, though we are all in peace. Elder L. F. Williams is our present Pastor."

Kenansville.—"We are under the Pastoral care of Elder R. McNabb, but owing to the sickness of himself and family, we have had but little preaching during the last year."

Beaver Dam.—"Since our last to you we have had a quiet and peaceable time and still remain so. Coldness in religion prevails to a distressing extent, yet we have some hope for better times. We are erecting a new house of worship, and found a generous liberality in the community to help us build. Elder A. J. Battle is our Pastor."

Concord.—"We are under the Pastoral care of Elder George Fennell assisted by Elder David Wells, who together labor faithfully for the good of Zion, but apparently with little success. The cause of religion languishes among us, and our members decrease instead of increase."

Berea.—"Elder Isaac W. West is our Pastor, and we hope will remain so." There has been no reported change in their religious condition since last year.

Island Creek.—"We have not as cheering intelligence to communicate to you as last year, yet we have cause to be thankful. We have had some good meetings during the year, and some accessions to our church." Elder H. Stallings is their Pastor.

Richland Chapel.—No letter nor Delegate was sent from this Church this Year.

Bay M. H.—"We have been for a long time without regular preaching, but recently we have obtained the services of Elder William B. Rhem as our Pastor, who has settled among us, and we have enjoyed some pleasant seasons."

Warren's M. H.—Was one of the churches of the Neuse Associations, and for a time was doing nothing, but through the labors of our Missionary Elder Wallace, has been revived up, and now appears to be a liberal, working church. They have no Pastor and request that Elder Wallace may be sent to preach to them again.

Piney Grove, Jones Co.—No letter nor Delegate was sent by this Church this year.

Brice's Creek.—"Our church being young and feeble have but little experience in religious attainments, yet under all the circumstances we have abundant reason to thank God that our prospects continue to improve. Elder J. D. Elwell is our Pastor.'

Newbern.—No letter was received, but from her Pastor Elder R. Furman, we learn that her prospects are encouraging. They are engaged erecting a commodious house of worship of brick, and located very favorably for gathering a large congregation.

Washington.—Was one of the churches belonging to the Neuse Association, and for a long time appeared to be declining. Elder J. D. Elwell has settled among them and preaches for them once a month, and they have increased rapidly in number, having baptized 81.

Hancock's.—"Elder J. D. Elwell is our pastor. The Lord is carrying on his blessed work among us, and we rejoice at it. We have received 14 by baptism lately."

Greenville.—No letter nor delegate was sent by this church this year.

Harriet's Chapel.—Is under the care of Elder Wm. P. Biddle.—They are in peace, but suffer from coldness in religion. Their liberality still abounds. They have sustained a colporteur through the year, and contributed freely to the Itinerant fund, of the Association.

D.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration—and that with the lights now before them, they are constrained to believe the cause of temperance is advancing. There is an apparent change in public sentiment; it is no longer considered reputable even by men destitute of religion, to drink intoxicating liquors. Drinking is looked upon by the most virtuous of our country, as a practice leading to innumerable evils, affecting both our civil and religious institutions—consequently there is, as there should be, a degree of odium attached to those who use or encourage the use of this reason and soul destroying indulgence.

Christians and professors of religion, generally, abstain from and deprecate the use of strong drinks, and avoid those sinks of ruin where these drinks are dealt out to the devotees of ruin. As another favorable indication of the progress of temperance, your committee will state that a number of temperance societies, have been formed in our bounds, and are actively engaged in the promotion of this great cause.

Your committee will close this report by recommending the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we recommend our brethren to form societies for the promotion of temperance, where societies do not already exist, and encourage them where they do exist.

J. I. BRYAN, *Ch'm'n.*

E.

The committee to whom was referred the state of religion among the churches, and the best means of promoting growth in grace among our brethren, beg leave to report,

That it is manifest that much coldness and lukewarmness prevail within our bounds; that there is too little self-denial, too little prayer, and too little concern in behalf of perishing sinners. They regret that candor and faithfulness compel them to say, that religion and its interests, instead of being made the *most*, is made the *least* prominent subject of concern with many, who are called leading christians.—Church meetings are too frequently neglected on pretext of attending to worldly business; regular and occasional sabbath exercises, are frequently lost sight of in the inferior claims, which a visit to, or from friends, or excursions of pleasure excite in their minds. They also regret to be compelled to say, that too little attention is paid to family religion; that family prayer, especially in the morning, is scarcely ever attended to, and when attempted, only a part of the family enjoy it; often the children are absent; the servants most always. There is also too little attention paid to the importance of imparting proper godly council, and too much indifference to the influence of example. There is also too much stress laid upon special seasons of excitement as essential to revivals of religion, leading to indifferenee, apathy and barrenness during the greater part of the year, when it is not *conven-*

ient for the churches to sustain those excitements. There is also too much *habitual* desecration of the sabbath when there is no preaching. Too often is this holy time spent in paying and receiving visits, during which, the conversation is almost exclusively worldly, in settling accounts, in suggesting and devising plans for the improvement of agriculture, manufactures, and mercantile interests, and in travelling to and from home on long journeys. In reference to all those matters your committee have no difficulty in saying that "these things ought not so to be;" that they are diametrically opposed to the spirit of the gospel, which requires all who would share its advantages to "seek *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness;" which expects of its believers that they "walk by faith, and not by sight;" which makes the terms of admission to its privileges, entire consecration to its interests; which counsels those who would feel its "love, joy, and peace," to "let their light so shine before men, that they, seeing their good works, may glorify him who called them from darkness to light." Let a reform take place in reference to all these matters, and we are persuaded that our moral influence will be a hundred fold more than what it now is. Oh brethren, let us not only believe, but let us *believe* practically, that we are not our own, that we belong to him, "who for our sakes, though rich, became poor, that we through his poverty, might be rich." Let us live nearer to God, and God will draw nearer to us, and we shall be refreshed by his presence.

Under the second head, that is the best means of promoting growth in grace—your committee reccommend the following:

1st. Regular, fervent, humble, sincere prayer to God in secret, in the family, and in public. The first is enjoined upon christians by the dear Redeemer; the second is necessary not only as required by the spirit of holy writ, but as required by the reason of the case of all those who sustain the responsible relation of parent or master—the last is necessary for the edification of the church, and for the quickening and humbling of individual christians.

2d. A strict observance of the Sabbath, as holy time, devoting it entirely to the interests of religion, either in attending the sanctuary, giving religious instructions to children and servants—reading the scriptures, prayer, religious conversation, and self examination, and of course this will lead to careful abstinence from conversation on the ordinary topics of worldly business; such as politics, the price of produce, the best means of promoting the value of the things that perish.

3d. A careful, prayerful, regular habit of reading the scriptures, and that from beginning to end.

4th. Regular attendance upon all the means of grace, preaching, prayer meetings, church meetings, monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, and that too, not as a matter of form, but as a duty and highly esteemed privilege.

5th. Liberal contributions to the support of the gospel at home and abroad, by all the means blessed of God in promoting this end.

6th. Regular days of special humiliation, fasting and prayer, both as a church and as individuals.

7th. Seeking out and improving opportunities of usefulness to our

fellow man, in administering to their spiritual and temperal wants, in such a manner and spirit, as cannot fail to leave upon their minds the conviction that "the love of Christ constraineth us."

8th. In carefully abstaining from even the "appearance of evil." Finally, constantly looking unto Jesus, exercising unwavering faith in God, making the interests of his kingdom the prominent subject of conversation, thought and action. These we believe to be the best means of promoting conformity to the will of God, and that perfection in faith, hope, and charity, which it is the believer's privilege to attain.

In conclusion your committee, though they regret to have been compelled to speak thus plainly of the low state of religion and its causes, which prevails generally among our churches; yet they rejoice that by some of their letters, there appear indications of a better state of things. They heartily unite with the brethren of all our churches, in supplicating earnestly the great head of the church, to revive his work, and to revive it generally, until all of our churches shall be brought to a proper measure of consecration to the Master's service.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

G. W. WALLACE, *Ch'm'n.*

F.

The Union Baptist Association to the Riley's Creek Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:—We have duly received your letter by the hands of your Delegate, Bro. T. Swinson, and feel bound to say that we deeply regret the spirit which it manifests. In that letter we are requested to retrace our steps in what relates to the ordination of ministers, and rescind the resolution of last year—and if we do not comply with this request, the letter threatens that the Riley's Creek Church will withdraw from the Union Association. The references contained in the letter to Benedict's History of the Baptists, and the minutes of the Kehukee Association, and Buck's Theological Dictionary, &c., we think by no means appropriate—and especially the remarks about bigotry and pride; and a threatened Bishopric in the church, we regard as entirely uncalled for, and highly disrespectful to the Association. It is a mistaken notion altogether, beloved brethren, that the resolution under consideration originated in pride and an unholy zeal for a learned ministry—and that it is calculated or designed to put down the ordination of those of our brethren, who have not enjoyed the advantages of education. God forbid that any of us should cherish so unholy a purpose. The unlearned as well as the learned are greeted and beloved by us as the embassadors of Christ. We rejoice in the usefulness of the one, as much as of the other. And heaven forbid that the time should ever come when itching ears for a "high learned ministry" should cause us to spurn from our bosom those holy men, who, however unlearned they may be, are possessed of the spirit of the Divine Saviour, and are blessing Zion with their pious labors. We rejoice that there are many such amongst us—and that instead of trying to put them down, we cordially extend to them the right hand

of christian fellowship and affection, and bid them "God's speed," as the heralds of the cross of Christ. May the Lord not only bless them in their labors, but may he add to their numbers! But again, the statement contained in the letter that the resolution of the association conflicts with the independence of the churches—is by no means correct. The right of ordination still rests with the churches. But as this matter has been frequently abused, and men have been ordained, who ought not to have been, (not on account of being unlearned, but on account of the want of a proper character)—therefore the association has a perfect right to say that she will not regard as valid the ordination of any ministers within her bounds, unless it be done with her expressed or virtual approval—and in so doing she does not interfere in the slightest degree with the independence of the churches. The scriptures teach us the necessity of great caution in this matter. An inspired Apostle has said—"Lay hands suddenly upon no man." Alas, how often has this injunction been disregarded! The Committee appointed last year to revise the constitution has reported—their report has been adopted, and we give below a copy of the article in relation to ordination. The letter threatens if we do not give up this matter that Riley's Creek Church will leave us. Brethren, we are sure that we are right, and therefore cannot abandon the ground which we have taken. Faithfulness to God and his cause, forbids that we should. But at the same time we will be sorry to part with you. Brethren we love you, and wish you to continue in the dear fraternal bond. We are Baptists—our hopes and fears and joys and sorrows are one. We serve one master, and we hope all to meet in one happy, happy heaven. The Association is doing a great work. Our God is blessing us at this meeting, and we say to the Riley's Creek Church "come thou with us, and we will do thee good, for our God hath spoken good concerning Israel." May the Lord bless you, preserve you from all error, guide you into all truth, comfort your hearts with his love, and make your "peace as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea." We remain, beloved brethren,

Yours, in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respective churches, a letter cercertifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute, and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her Churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognise as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her Churches, without her prior direct or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting, and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of businesss, the Presiding Officer, (or in his absence,) the Secretary shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT HARRIETT'S CHAPEL, N. C.,

OCT. 1st.---4th, 1847.

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RULES OF DECÓRUM FÓR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members, shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem. who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for the reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to membership shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debateable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th ch. 16, 17, and 18th verses, and all public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall de decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules, to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES &C.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. F. Williams, from Luke 7th ch: 35th v.

The names of Churches were called; a majority being represented, proceeded to organize by the Moderator, Elder J. McDaniel, taking the Chair, and opened the session by reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer being made by Elder W. P. Biddle.

On motion, a Financial Committee was appointed, consisting of Brothers H. E. Royal, C. C. Oates and Jesse Jackson.

Committee to supply the stage with preachers, Brethren W. P. Biddle, S. B. Caroway, D. Jones, and S. S. Biddle.

The letters from the Churches were now called for and read; the names of Delegates were enrolled and statistics recorded. (See Table.)

A letter was presented from the Church at White Oak, Sampson Co., applying for membership. The petition was granted, and the Delegates received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

The letters having been read, and the names of Delegates recorded, the Association proceeded to the election of Officers. Elder J. McDaniel was chosen Moderator; Elder A. J. Battle, Secretary; and Bro. H. Moore, Treasurer.

On motion, visiting Ministers, and also corresponding Brethren, were invited to take seats with us.

On motion, appointed B. Oliver, A. Jones and A. J. Battle, a Committee on Arrangements.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Bro. Fory.

Saturday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

The Association met, prayer by Bro. Williams.

On motion, visiting Ministers, and also corresponding brethren were again invited to a seat with us. Elder J. J. Finch appeared as Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and presented 50 copies of their minutes and took his seat.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report adopted.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

On motion, appointed B. Oliver, G. W. Wallace, and C. C. Oates a committee to enquire into the condition of Riley's Creek Church.

On motion, appointed Elders W. P. Biddle, J. J. Finch, G. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, and A. Jones to examine the candidates for ordination.

On motion, the Association agreed to take into consideration the reflections upon its past proceedings. After some discussion, the motion was laid on the table for the present.

A letter of correspondence was received from the Advisory Council; Delegates C. Wooten, Elder P. Mewborn, W. Davis, J. B. Pridgen, Shade Wooten, B. Herring and W. Pipkin, who were received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, and inviting them to a seat with us. The Clerk had a letter from the Chowan Association which he did

not find on leaving home, appointing Elders G. M. Thompson, Q. H. Trotman, and L. Sanderlier, Delegates.

On motion, appointed W. P. Biddle, H. E. Royal and J. D. Carroll, a committee to inquire into the reason of the phraselogy of the letter from the Washington Church.

On motion, appointed M. R. Fory, S. S. Biddle and C. Smith, a Committee on Education.

Appointed W. B. Rhem, J. Wilson, and L. Carroll, a Committee on Foreign Missions.

Appointed G. W. Wallace, H. E. Royal and J. D. Carroll, a Committee on Periodicals.

Appointed A. Jones, N. Askew, and L. F. Williams, a Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Appointed C. Wooten, J. J. Finch and W. Davis, a Committee on the Southern Publication Society.

Appointed A. J. Battle to write a corresponding letter to the Raleigh Association, and send as Delegates, A. B. Alderman, H. Royal, C. C. Oates and W. H. Faison.

Appointed S. S. Biddle to write a letter of correspondence to the Cape Fear Association, and send as Delegates, G. W. Wallace, David Rogers, Luke A. Powell, and H. E. Royal.

Appointed A. Jones to write a letter of correspondence to the Chowan Association, and send as Delegates, J. D. Elwell and A. J. Battle.

Appointed W. P. Biddle to write a letter of correspondence to the Advisory Council, and send as Delegates, L. F. Williams, W. P. Biddle, B. Oliver, N. Askew, and W. Brown.

On motion, Whereas, the cause of Temperance is one which we think commends itself to every philanthropist, and more especially to christians; Therefore Resolved, that we recommend to all our churches and their members, that they encourage this cause by all the means in their power.

The Executive Committee was called upon to report. They reported in part, and begged leave for time to complete it. On motion, leave was granted.

Bro. Finch was then invited to address the Association in behalf of the Home Mission Board of the Convention, which he did, and recommended a co-operation with the Board, to aid it in supplying the destitute parts of the State with Missionary laborers.

Appointed S. S. Biddle and D. Jones, a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

On motion, adjourned to meet 9½ o'clock, on Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. A. Jones.

SABBATH.

The exercises were opened by Elder A. J. Battle. Elder A. Jones made a few remarks, and was followed by Elder J. McDaniel, who excused himself from preaching the Charity sermon, on account of indisposition, but made a short appeal in behalf of our Itinerant plan of operations, when a collection was taken up amounting to $25.

After a short interval Bro. M. R. Fory preached, and was followed by exhortations from Elders Biddle and Battle. The congregation was very large, and the deep interest manifested at the close of the exercises induce

the belief that much good will result from these solemn and affecting exvices.

Monday Morning, 9½ o'clck.

Association met; prayer by Bro. Wallace.

On motion, the minutes were read and corrected.

The Committee on Periodicals reported as follows: That they recommend the *Southern Baptist*, published in Charleston, S. C., by Rev. T. W. Haynes, at $2 per annum. They also recommend the *Baptist Guardian*, published semi-weekly in Richmond, Va., Edited by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, at $1 per annum; advocating specially, Sabbath Schools, and the religious training of children in families. They would also recommend the Southern Missionary Journal, published monthly in Richmond Va., by H. K. Ellyson, for the two Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, at $1, which gives information of Foreign and Home missionary operations.

The advantages of a religious paper in our families are so well understood, that your Committee do not deem it necessary to enter into any argument to show its usefulness on the present occasion.

G. W. WALLACE, Chairman.

The vindication of the Association from reflections on its past proceedings was called up.

On motion, appointed B. Oliver, W. P. Biddle, D. Jones, H. E. Royal and H. Moore, a committee to prepare a document setting forth our principles, our course of proceedings, and to vindicate them from the reflections which has been cast upon them.

The committee on Finance reported. Report received and appended to the minutes. See letter B.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported that they did not have time to adjust it.

On motion, the account was referred to the Executive Committee, to prepare for the minutes. See letter A.

The committee on Riley's Creek Church reported. Report adopted, as follows:

That they have made such inquiries in reference to this Church as their limited time and opportunites would admit. They learned that a goodly number, perhaps a majority of the church, would have wished to represent themselves in your body; but owing to the action taken by J. L. Warren, who has been acting as their Pastor, they found it impossible to do so. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit Riley's Creek Church as soon as practicable, to inquire into their situation, and to take such action as may seem to them best calculated to produce harmony, and to keep the Church in union with our body.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

On motion, appointed Elders George Fennell and David Wells, and Bro. Laban Carroll, a committee to carry the above Resolution into effect, and report at our next annual session.

On motion, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, J. L. Warren, one of the Ministers who has heretofore belonged to our Association, has been attempting, and to some extent has succeeded in sowing the seeds of discord among our Churches; and as we believe that from all such we should withdraw ourselves; Therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to all our Churches, to entirely discountenance the said J. L. Warren, by not inviting him into their pulpits, nor in any way bidding him God-speed, inasmuch as we have no fellowship for him in his present course of conduct.

The committee on the letter from Washington Church reported.

On motion, appointed W. P. Biddle, M. R. Fory, D. Jones, J. Jackson, and S. S. Biddle, a committee to visit the Washington Church at the request of her delegates, to tender their aid in the settlement of their difficulties with Bro. A. Jones, one of our late Missionaries.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Association does most cordially sympathize with the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and will cheerfully co-operate with that body in all its benevolent operations.

On motion, *Resolved*, That an Executive Committee be appointed, consisting of nine, any four of whom, including the chairman, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Appointed G. W. Hufham, H. E. Royal, B. Oliver, H. Moore, F. B. Millord, J. D. Carroll, J. M. Fennell, James Carroll, and Claborn J. Oates, that Committee.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted and appended to minutes. See letter D.

The committee on Education reported. Report adopted and appended to minutes. See letter E.

The committee on Ordination reported, that they attended to the duties assigned them, and recommend the Ordination of Bro. M. R. Fory, at such time as the Church at Newbern may select. They also recommend the Ordination of Bro. A. B. Alderman, whenever the Church at Bethel may appoint.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the members of this Church, and to the residents in the vicinity, for their kind hospitality during the present session.

Appointed S. S. Biddle and A. B. Alderman delegates to the Convention.

The committee on the Publication Society having had no opportunity of conferring together, or of preparing a report, submit the following instead of a report.

Resolved, That this Association approve of the formation of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and that we will co-operate with it in securing a wider circulation of religious and Baptist literature.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report adopted and appended to the minutes. See letter F.

On motion, appointed the next session of the Association to be held at White Oak, Sampson County, in six miles of Clinton, on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1848.

Appointed Bro. M. R. Fory to preach the Introductory sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Bro. G. W. Wallace his alternate. Bro. J. McDaniel to preach the Charity sermon on Sabbath, as his health prevented his doing so this year; Bro. George Fennell his alternate.

Resolved, That 1300 copies of these Minutes be printed and distributed as usual.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the Clerk $25, for transcribing, attending to printing, and distributing the minutes.

Bro. Finch was called upon to make the closing prayer, which he did in a feeling and appropriate manner.

JAMES McDANIEL, Moderator.

A. J. BATTLE, Secretary.

The Following is a list of Ordained Ministers in the Union Association, with their Post Offices.

James McDaniel, Wilmington.
George Fennell, Harrel's Store.
David Wells, Do.
Isaac W. West, Teachy's Depot,
Jesse Rogers, Owensville,
A. P. Brinson, Do
H. Stallings, Limestone,
Wm. Potter, Clinton,
P. Rackly, Do.
A. B. Alderman, Warsaw.
J. D. Elwell, Washington.
G. W. Hufham, Faison's Depot.
G. W. Wallace, Bear Branch.
L F. Williams, Spring Vail.
A. J. Battle, Goldsboro.
H. Swinson, Snow Hill,
A. Jones, Kingston,
N. Askew, Do.
W. P. Biddle, Newbern,
M. R. Fory. Do,
W. B. Rhem, Jacksonville,

A TABLE

Showing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, Number received by letter, Restored, by Experience, Dismissed by letter, Excluded, Died, Total, Amount Contributed, Time of Monthly meetings, Quarterly meetings, Post Offices.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rd by let.	Restored	By E'p'ce	Dis by let	Excluded	Died	Total	Assoc'tn Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Bible Society.	Conv'ntn Fund.	Monthly Meetings	Quarterly Meetings.	POST OFFICES.
New Hanover,																
Wilmington,	J. McDaniel, J. D. Smaw, D. Cashwell,	9	8		I	1	1	2	180	3 00	$10			Eac. Sab.		Wilmington.
Mount Holly,	L. Carroll, W. Lamb.*					2		1	45	2 00				4 "	Feb. My Au. No.	Sill's Creek.
Riley's Creek,	No letter, number as last year.								39					1 "	Mar. Ja. Sep. De.	Long Creek.
Moore's Creek,	E. D. Walker,* J. M. Alderman,* C. P. Moore.*	3	1				2	4	163	3 30		1 25		4 "	" " " "	Long Creek.
Bethlehem,	J. D. Larkins,* A. M. Larkins,* W. S. Pridgen.*							3	81	1 50				3 "	" " " "	
Marshall's	G. W. Marshall, J. R. Corbett,* W. M. Flynn.*								41	2 50						
Lebanon,	George Fennell,* C. B. Corbett.	2	1						64	2 00		5 50	5 25	3 "	Jan. Apl Jly Oct.	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,	W. Fryer,* A. B. Alderman, J, J. Newton.	20				7	2		83	2 40		4 50	8 25			
Wells' Chapell, Bladen.	Geo. Alderman, S. Newton.	12					4	2	171	3 00		5 00		2 "	" " " "	" "
Mount Zion, Sampson.	No letter, number as last year.								48							
Lisbon,	No letter, number as last year,								76					1 "	Feb. My Au. No.	Lisbon.
Red Hill,	L. A. Powell, D. H. Mathews,* C. Vaun,*	1		1		2			29	1 00				2 "	" " " "	"
New Hope,	Lewis Caroll* H. E. Smith, P. G. Cook,	37	4			3	2	2	126	2 80				2 "	" " " "	Warsaw.
Rowan,	O. Williamson,* S. Peterson,* W. Robinson,*				6			2	88	2 00				4 "	" " " "	Clinton.
Boykin's Church,	J. L. Boykin, R. Boykin,* E. Peterson,	7	8	2	2	3	3		66	2 00				2 "		"
White Oak,	H. Burnett, W. Vaun, B. Faircloth,	3							33	1 50				4 "		"

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Pleasant Springs,	D. Rogers, W Fowler.*	1	7		2			24	1 00				Eac. Sab 3 "	Feb. My Au No.	Clinton.
Fork M. H.,	No letter number as last year.							23					"		"
Pleasant Union,	I. Faircloth,* A. Hall,*	10	2	3		2	2	2 104	2 00				4 "		"
Salem,	J. A. R. Howard,* T. A. Howard,* H. White.*	7				27		97	1 50				1 "	Mh Ju'e Sep De	"
Brown's,	H. E. Royal, G. W. Wallace, B. Doughty.	6		1	1	1	2	77	1 25				4 "	Jan Ap Jly Oct.	"
Beulah,	C. C. Oates, L. F. Williams, W. H. Faison.	3	2		2	6	1	90	3 00				1 "	Mh Ju'e Sep De	Spring Vail.
Piney Grove,	No letter number as last year.							55					3 "		Faison's Depot.
Wayne Co.,															
Thunder Swamp,	A. Flower,* E. Brock,* D. Whitley	11	2		1	2	6	2 58	2 15				4 "	" " " "	" "
Goldsboro',	T. C. Garrison,* A. J. Battle, W. Brown.	9						34	1 50				4 "		Goldsboro'.
Dulplin Co.,															
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, J. N. Loftine, J. C. Wilson,		2			6	3	186	3 65				3 "	Feb My Au Nov	Bear Branch.
Johnson's.	S. Guy, T. J. Guy, J. Carlton.*	30	2	3		2	1	1 226	2 15	3,20			2 "	" " " "	Warsaw.
Kenansville,	D. Moore, J W. Murry, D. J. Middleton.	77	3	1	1	4		129	4 20	6,05			2 "	" " " "	Kenansville.
Beaver Dam,	J. D. Carroll, L. G. Bass, W. W. Picket.	26	3	1		1	1	2 108	2 50				4 "	Jan Apl Jly Oct.	Strickland's Depot.
Concord,	J. W. Taylor, M. J. Taylor, W. Brice.*	2	2			4	7	1 130	3 00			2 75	3 "	Feb My Au Nov	" "
Berea,	J. W. West,* H. Murray.*	2	3			3	1	1 39	1 35				3 "	" " " "	Teachey's Depot.
Island Creek,	A. Kirkpatrick,* J. Chason,* J. A. Boney.*	2	1			6		2 67	2 00				1 "	Mh Jne Sep De.	" "

TABLE—CONTINUED.

Shewing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, number receiveed by Letter, Restored, by Experience, Dismissed by Letter, Excluded, Died, Total, Amount Contributed, Time of Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, Post Offices.

COUNTIES & CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	Rd by let.	Restored	By E'p'ce	Dis by let.	Exclud'd	Died	Total	Assoc'ti'n Fund	Itinerant Fund	Bible Society	Conv'ntion Fund	Monthly Meetings.	Quarterly Meetings.	POST OFFICES.
														Eac. Sab.		
Onslow Co.,																
Richland Church,	No delegate, (Bro. Rhem states)	3				1			17					3 "		Richland's.
Bay M. H.,	W. B. Rhem, W. A. J. Pollock, R. Fare.	1	3						16	2 00				3 "		Jacksonville.
Jones Co.,																
Piney Grove,	J. Bendors, F. Merritt,* J. Oliver.*	2				11	3	5	58	1 00	2 50			2 "		Trenton.
Cravin Co.,																
Brice's Creek,	No letter number as last year.								49							Newbern.
Newbern,	M. R. Fory, E. Clark, W. V. Barrow.	4				3	7	4	97	3 00				each "		"
Beaufort Co.,																
Washington,	J. D. Elwell.	11	4	2	2	1	6	4	119	2 00						Washington.
Pitt Co.,																
Greenville,	W. Bond, T. A. Jordan,* A. Jones.		1				1		32	3 00						Greenville.
Hancock's,	C. Smith, J. McLabon, A. Cox.	16			1				44	2 00				1 "		"
Lenoir Co.																
Harriet's Chappel,	W. P. Biddle, N. Askew, J. Jackson.					2	2	1	68	5 00				4 "		Kingston.

* Absent.

(A)

HENRY MOORE, Treasurer.

1847.			To UNION ASSOCIATION, Dr.		
Oct. 1st.	To balance on hand, October 2d, 1846,			$ 40	60
	" amount from Finance Committee, Oct. 5th, 1846,			217	82
	" " " Eld., G. W. Wallace, collection past y'r			20	25
	" " " Elder Jesse Rogers, " " "			6	82
	" " " D. Jones paid to Elder A. Jones, " "			10	00
	" " " B. Oliver the pledge of Bear Marsh" "			25	00
	" " " Subscriptions paid in Wilmington" "			53	20
	" " " J. W. Swinson, $1 ; T. Boykin, $1 ; A. Brown, $1. - - -			3	00
	" " " Joel Hines, $1 ; D. Jones, 50 cents ; O. Bryan, $1. - - -			2	50
	" " " Elder A. Jones, collection past year,			78	80
	" " " Elder N. Askew, " " "			30	00
	" " " F. B. Millord, the pledge of Bulab Church, - - - -			5	70
	" " " Elder A Jones, paid by Newbern Church			2	57
	" " " do " by Moore's Creek "			2	00
				$498	26

1847	CONTRA.			
Oct. 4th.	By cash p'd Elder J. McDaniel for convention,	$ 40	00	
	" " " Clerk for transcribing minutes &c,	25	00	
	" " " for printing the Minutes,	50	00	
	" " " Elder A. Jones by order of Ex. Com.	50	00	
	" " " Elder G. W. Wallace " " "	40	00	
	" " " Elder Jesse Rogers " " "	11	50	
	" " " Elder N. Askew, " " "	100	00	
	" " " Elder A. Jones, " " "	170	00	$486 50
	Balance in hand Oct. 4th, 1847,			$ 11 76

Audited by S. S. Biddle and D. Jones, Committee.

(B.)

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that they have received for the appropriation Fund, - - - $ 78 25

" " Itinerant fund from the Churches, -	$21 75		
" " " " Sabbath Collection, -	25 00	46	75
" " Baptist State Convention.			
" " Home Missions, - - - -	14 25		
" " Foreign " - - - - -	6 25		
" " China " - - - - -	5 25		
" " African " - - - - -	50	$26	25
" " Union Bible Society, - - -		18	75
		$170	00

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. ROYAL, Chairman.

The Clerk has concluded to present the Churches with the form of letter to be sent to the Association, instead of a digest from their letters, as they do not differ much from what was presented last year.

FORM.

The Baptist Church of Christ at (*here put name*) to the Union Baptist Association to meet at (*here put the name*) on Friday before first Lord's day in October 184 . Sendeth Christain saluation.

Dear Brethren:—We esteem it a privilege to meet you in your annual session, by letter and Delegates. We appoint our beloved brethren (*here name them*) to sit with you in Council; and by them we send you for the Association fund $——

We also send for the Itinerant fund $——

For the State Convention $——

" Home Missions $——

" Foreign Missions $——

" Education fund $——

" Union Bible Society $——

Our condition during the year as follows:

Received by Baptism	000
" by Letter	000
" Restored	000
" by Experience	000
Dismissed by letter	000
Excluded	000
Died	000
Total	000

Our monthly meeting on —— Lord's Day in each month, and quarterly meeting (*here put the months.*) Our Post office is at ————, ———— County.

Our esteemed brother ———— is Pastor for us at present (*here give an account of the affairs of the Church.*)

We pray the Lord, by his Holy Spirit, to preside over you, and guide you in all your deliberations, and cause your session to be a blessing to the church and congregation where you meet.

Done by order of conference, on (*name the day of the month*) 1848.

A. B. C. Church Clerk.

Your brother in the great cause of christian benevolence, would here express his earnest desire that each of the Churches composing the Union Association, will contribute something to each of the objects set down in this form, if it is but a single $1; that it may show our body to be truly what they profess to be—a missionary association. Brethren it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive, and the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Oh let us live more for the Lord, and do more for his blessed kingdom on earth.

Yours, in the bonds of love.

A. J. BATTLE, Clerk.

(C.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, in this their annual Report, feel called upon to express their gratitude to God, for his preserving care over them all, and for that harmony which has attended all their proceedings.

The next day after the close of your last session, they held a meeting as they journied homeward in the rail road cars, and appointed brother A. Jones, for one year, to labor between Tar River and Neuse, and occasionally on the South of the Neuse, in the more destitute sections.

Brother G. W. Wallace was appointed for six months, to his former field of labors in Jones, Carteret and Craven Counties, and brother Jesse Rogers was appointed for three months, to labor in the lower part of Sampson and upper part of New Hanover counties. At a meeting of your committe, in February, brother Rogers reported, that he had travelled 34 days, preached 26 sermons, visited 17 families, to whom he read the scriptures and prayed for them, baptized 10 hopeful converts, assisted in administering the Lord's supper twice, assisted in constituting 1 church, and received $3,82 towards his salary. At this meeting brother Rogers resigned on account of the claims of his family upon his attention. They much regretted the loss of brother Rogers' labors, believing that his services would have been productive of still more good could he have continued.

At the same meeting, brother Wallace reported, that he went into Jones and Craven counties, and preached 7 days; had some interesting meetings; some cried for mercy, while some rejoiced in hope of eternal life. He next visited Sampson county and preached 3 days, where the power of the Holy Spirit blessed the laborer. Three persons professed conversion and were baptized, and many more appeared to be deeply concerned about their souls. He then visited the Cape Fear Association as a delegate from your body, and on his return travelled 19 days in Jones and Craven, preaching to congregations large and serious. He then spent 6 days in Sampson with prospect of good resulting from it. On the 5th January he travelled through Jones, Craven and Carteret, preaching every day for 17 days in those destitute regions. He says the people still desire a minister to be sent among them, and that they are willing to do what they can to sustain the itinerant cause. He again visited Sampson and labored 5 days, and assisted in constituting a new church at White Oak Meeting House, where much interest appeared to be felt on the subject of religion.

Brother Wallace labored 61 days, baptized 3, assisted in constituting 1 church, and collected on last years subscription, $20 25. He resigned at this meeting on account of the many pressing calls on his time for pastoral service, which he deemed it his duty to accept.

While your committee regret to lose the services of brother Wallace as a missionary, they are gratified that his services are called for to serve as pastor to our churches.

Your committee deemed it important to keep as many missionaries in the field as they could find funds to sustain; and as the wants of Jones, part of Craven, Carteret and Onslow counties were so great they appointed brother Nathan Askew for six months, to labor in those counties. Brother Askew not having been ordained, and being recommended by the church at Harriet Chapel, where he held his membership, to your committee for

examination and ordination. They judged it expedient to have him ordained to the ministry of the gospel as an evangelist, which was attended to on the fourth Sabbath in February, by Elders Biddle and Jones as the Bresbytery.

Brother A. Jones reports that he commenced his services the 8th Oct., 1846, visiting the Raleigh Association as a delegate from your body, where he enjoyed a truly refreshing season with the brethren of that association. He found his field of labor greatly needing the preaching of the gospel, and several churches entirely destitute of regular preaching. He supplies the Church at Goldsboro once a month for six months, when believing his labours would be more successful in other places, he resigned his charge, and engaged to supply the church at Greenville once a month, which he has continued to do up to the present time; they agreeing to contribute a due proportion of his support. He visited Beaufort, in Carteret county, in company with Elder Biddle, and says there is a desire to have Baptist preaching at that place. At a visit to Hancocks, where he remained five days, the Lord graciously poured out his spirit, and he was privileged to baptize two persons, and several were deeply serious, who he has since learned have been baptized.

He says: "during the year, being instructed by the committee, and requested by the church at Harriet's Chapel, I aided brother Biddle in setting apart by solemn ordination, brother N. Askew, to the gospel ministry, who had been appointed to labor as an itinerant, during a part of the year, also assisted brother Biddle in ordaining a deacon for the church at the same time. In the course of the year he visited Goldsboro, in Wayne, Bear Creek, Woodenton, Harriet's Chapel, and the Poor House in Lenoir county, Mewborus and Snow Hill in Greene, Greenville, Hancock, Oak Grove, Tyrons, and Grindal Creek in Pitt, Washington in Beaufort, South West Newbern and Brice's Creek in Cravern, Warrens, M. H. and Beaufort in Carteret; preaching at most of those places again and again, and in some instances holding a protracted meeting of days, besides holding night meetings with a great many families around most of those places, and has reason to believe, from the seriousness and great anxiety manifested in many places, that impressions were made that may result in the conversion of many souls in time to come."

Brother Jones was instructed to visit all the churches composing your body, or as many as he well could, shortly before the present session, to present to them the claims of those very destitute sections, and to encourage them te sustain our benevolent plans of supplying the destitute with gospel preaching. He started on this agency the 18th August, and met his first appointment at Bear Marsh, and in his report says: "I expected to continue according to the list published in the Recorder; but hearing that a considerable work of grace was in progress at Goldsboro, a place in which I felt a deep interest, and being pursuaded to do so by the brethren present, at Bear Marsh, and I thought also, that it would meet the wishes of the committee, I dropped my appointment and went to the help of bro. Battle, who had been for some days laboring alone, the Lord crowning his efforts with an abundant blessing. I preached there 7 times, lectured 3 times, and aided in the Sabbath school. I overtook my appointments again, at Buelah, and continued on without interruption till I got to Salem, where I broke one of my sulkey wheels, and had to remain in the neigh-

borhood 3 days having preached at Piney Grove, Brown's, and Pleasant Union, and at Salem 6 times, missing Fork M. H., Mount Zion and Lisbon. Falling in again at Bethel, I met also at Lebanon, Wells' Chapel, Moore's Creek, Marshall's, Bethlehem, Mount Holly, Wilmington, Kenansville, Greenville, Hancock's, Newbern, Brice's Creek, omitting Richland's and Bay M. H. in Onslow, on account of the distance, and the jaded condition of my horse. Attended Piney Grove, in Jones, Harriet's Chapel, Union, Everettsville, Goldsboro, and Bear Creek. While at Salem, assisted in ordaining 2 deacons, and obtained, during this tour among the churches, the following amounts subscribed, to sustain the itinerant plan next year:

Salem, $8,85; Bethel, $7,75; Lebanon, $7,25; Wells' Chapel, $10,37½; Moore's Creek, $5,50; ($2 paid,) Marshall's $10,00; Bethlehem, $20,12½; Mount Holly, $25,00; ($1 paid;) Wilmington, $30; Hancocks, $3,50; Newbern, for present year, collected $2,57; Piney Grove, (Jones) $2,25; making in all, $133,17.

At most of those churches the congregations were small, and but few of the members present, the appointments being in the week, so that the amounts subscribed will undoubtedly be much increased. A subscription list was left with the pastor or some active lay member in all such cases, who promised to interest themselves in the matter. The subscriptions are made payable to the Treasurer of the Association, at or before the session of 1848. The amount received on the field, towards my present year's salary, is as follows: Greenville Church, $60,00; Washington, $3,30; Hancock's, $2,00; Brother John Joyner, $4,00; Brother S. S. Biddle, $5,00; Warren's M. H., $4,50; making in all, $78,80. Summary of labors for the past year: Served 11 months, preached 191 sermons, held 16 prayer meetings, baptized 2, assisted in ordaining 1 minister and 3 deacons, assisted in administering the Lord's supper 5 times, collected towards my present year's salary, $78,80; obtained in money and good subscriptions, $133,17 towards itinerant labors for next year; besides having the promise from several churches on the field, to sustain me in full next year, to supply them with pastoral service."

Brother Jones continues: "Above, dear brethren, you have a full and minute report of my operations. To accomplish this, I have travelled over 4,000 miles, and have spent but little time with my family. I regret the absence of more encouraging results, but when the nature of the field occupied is considered, and the peculiar obstacles to the successful prosecution of such labor as was expected of me, I cannot say that I am much disappointed. I have endeavored to pray, to exhort, and to preach according to the little ability I possess, with a singleness of eye to the glory of God, and the good of those among whom it was my privilege to labor, and I am not without hope, that He who has said that, "His word shall accomplish the thing whereunto he has sent it," will by His holy spirit water the seed sown, so that it will eventually spring up in the hearts in which it has been lodged into everlasting life." "First, the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear."

Your committee learn that brother Jones received last year, at Rowan's, $8,50, which at the time was regarded and received as a personal donation to himself, and therefore it was not accounted for in his report, as also a small donation in the same way from Buelah and Union churches, and

possibly other items in the same way, not remembered, which they deem it proper to mention to satisfy those who may suppose they should have been presented in our minutes.

Brother N. Askew reports, that he commenced his labors as soon as he was employed, and says: "I have visited 13 different churches, though not all of our faith; I have also preached at private houses in those places where there is no church, as often as I could get the opportunity. I find our churches all supplied with pastors except 2, that is the church at North River and Warren's M. H. The North River church, or her members, say they shall go back to Warren's M. H., and then there will be but one missionary Baptist Church in Carteret county. The church at Bethlehem, in Jones, is broken up, some of her members have gone to the Free-Will Baptist, and some say they shall go back to Piney Grove, then there will be but one missionary Baptist church in Jones county. Brethren, there is Carteret, Jones, Onslow and Lenoir counties, with only one church each, that represents in our association. The Methodist and Free-Will Baptist, the Christian and the Anti-Missionary Baptist Ministers are preaching in this region, and many of them are trying to cast reflections on our association. Three of our churches in those counties are supplied with regular preaching once a month, and the other one, with all this region of country, is left with no other ministers of our association except myself. It may well be said of this field, "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few." I find many professors cold and unconcerned about the welfare of souls; some have turned back to the world again, but amidst all this, there are some trying to move the stumbling blocks out of the way, and adorn their profession by a well ordered life and Godly conversation. This field is too large for one minister, as he can not get over it as often as he should. I have done the best I could; my congregations have been large in some places, and attentive in all. I have seen many sinners weeping, and crying what shall I do to be saved; and although I have preached in some places a week at a time, both day and night, yet I have left no place without hearing the cry: "come and preach to us again, as soon as you can." I feel an increased desire for the glory of God in the salvation of souls. I have been in the service of the committee, 5 months, and have received $30 towards my salary."

Aggregate of labor during the past year, by all our missionaries, 465 days, about 360 sermons, 15 persons baptized, 1 minister ordained, 1 church constituted, 3 deacons ordained, and a great many prayer meetings held, and families visited, from all of which your committee anticipate, in time to come, some happy results. Your committee, from the accounts they have of the state of our bounds, suggest that at least four missionaries will be needed the whole of next year.—One to labor between Tar River and Neuse, and one on the south of Neuse, in the counties of Lenoir, Wayne, Duplin and Sampson; one for part of Craven, Jones, Carteret and Onslow counties, and one for the destitute region on both sides of Black River, in the lower part of Sampson, Bladen, and New Hanover counties. One of your missionaries, brother A. Jones, will be settled as pastor for several of our destitute churches, and receive his support the next year from them. Our great object which we have had in view in our operations, is to have our destitute churches supplied with regular pastoral preaching; and we can but express our gratification to find our

Churches disposed to call our Missionaries to this service. Bro. Wallace, one of our efficient Missionaries, has, during the year, been called to this important service; and now Bro. Jones, another whose services we have highly appreciated, will be taken from us and settled in the same important duty, leaving your committee the next year, to look out for other laborers to supply your still great destitution. Your committee are gratified and encouraged to find our Churches yet willing to sustain this important branch of minister al efforts.

The report of your Treasurer will show how fully contributions have been made during the year past, to meet in full the salaries of of your Missionaries; and they are pleased to be able to say, that over $200 are pledged for the coming year, besides the money now on hand; and they have no doubt but that if a proper effort is made this sum can easily be increased to $500.

Your committee would close by commending your body and all its operations to the care and blessing of our Heavenly Father.

A. J. BATTLE, Chairman.

(D)

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report:

That the chairman of said committee, at a late hour, informed the other members of it—that he could not write it. Therefore, from the shortness of the time, they could not write out such a report as they could wish. But from what what we have seen and known relative to Sundy Schools, we would recommend our Churches to try to keep up one in every Church. If such was the case, we believe that children would be taught their duty toward God and man. The resorting to the fields and mill ponds, on the Sabbath, would be less frequent; and the Sabbath would not be desecrated to such objects. Our children would learn the name of him by whom they only can be saved. We would inform our Churches that suitable books are easy to be obtained, for such Schools; and surely every person friendly to Christianity, would be, when competent, a teacher in some department of the School. All which is respectfully submitted. N. ASKEW.

(E)

The committee on Education, present the following report:

That the importance of Ministerial Education must be apparent to all reflecting minds. If the Apostles, under the instruction of our Divine Master, during so long a period to qualify them for their responsible office, and this too in addition to the inspiration of the Holy Ghost—must not the teacher of religion, at the present day, require some preparation for his work, when this special aid is no longer afforded.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully urge, that *increased* attention be given to Ministerial Education. They would also earnestly recommend, that young brethren, called to the holy ministry, be urged to prosecute a thorough course of preparatory study previous to entering upon their work; and that vigorous efforts continue to be made, to furnish adequate support to all such brethren requiring aid.

The committee would call attention to the pecuniary embarrassments of our College. It is now encumbered by a debt of $10,000, which very materially circumscribes its sphere of usefulness. A subscription is now circulating to liquidate this debt, by subscriptions of $100 each, to be paid when the whole amount is subscribed. Your committee would earnestly call the attention of God's Stewards to this subscription, and inquire whether they have no duty here. The Faculty of the College consists of four Professors and one Tutor. The number of Students in attendance is about ninety—indicating a prosperous condition of the institution. All which is respectfully submitted.

M. R. FORY, Chairman.

(F)

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report:

That, with the facts before them, they have no difficulty in deciding the undertaking to be a great and benevolent work; one which fully commends itself to the prayerful consideration of all good men. The millions of souls that have already been brought out of nature's darknesss to the marvelous light and liberty of God's dear children, as well as the many millions more who are yet groaning in bondage, calls loudly for our most energetic aid for their relief and salvation. From the short notice your committee have had, they feel unprepared to recommend any further measures in connexion with those now in operation, and therefore respectfully submit this short report.

W. B. RHEM, Chairman.

(G)

The committee to whom was referred the vindication of the Association, in the position she assumed in the case of A. P. Repiton, beg leave to report:

That a difficulty having unfortunately arisen between A. P. Repiton, formerly a Minister in this Association, and the Church of which he was a member; and in the progress of this difficulty, the Association having been compelled to take some action, and the correctness of that action having been questioned by some, whose prominence in the denomination, entitles their opinion, to some notice from this Association—we propose, in order that our position

may be correctly understood, to present some of the *facts* connected with this unhappy affair.

In March, 1845, Mr. Repiton was arraigned before the Mount Holly Church, of which he was a member, charged with several things contrary to the precepts of the Gospel—and on his trial, a council sat, composed of Ministers, the result of which, was a professed adjustment of the difficulties, accompanied with mutual and solemn pledges of future christian union and fellowship.

In November, 1845, Mr. Repiton was again arraigned before his Church, charged with the *violation* of the agreement entered into on the previous trial, and several other matters, seriously affecting his christian and ministerial character. On this trial, a council sat, composed of two Ministers and four Laymen. After a laborious investigation of the charges, the two Ministers recommended to the Church, that Mr. Repiton be expelled from her fellowship. The four Laymen recommended that he be suspended from his Ministerial functions for three months. The Church, in accordance with the latter recommendation, passed a Resolution, silencing him from the Ministry, for three months. This decision of the Church, was treated by Mr. Repiton, with contempt, he continuing to exercise his Ministerial functions.

By this course, in connexion with other things, the Church lost confidence in him, and felt it to be her duty to arraign him a third time. Although the Church did not send him a written notice to attend said trial, yet the Clerk of the Church, whose veracity may not be questioned, declares he saw Mr. Repiton several days before the trial was to take place—informed him of the time it was to take place, and requested his attendance:—Mr. Repiton positively declared that he would not attend. At the appointed time, the Church, assisted by two ministers, of good standing, and whose intelligence equals their standing, proceeded to try, and for causes which they deemed sufficient, finally declared non-fellowship with him.

At the meeting of the Association, in October, 1846, Mr. Repiton sent in a communication, demanding their interferance, so as to secure to him a new trial. This communication was referred to a judicious and intelligent committee, who being in full possession of the facts in reference to the case, reported adversely to the demand. The Association, after due deliberation on the report of said committee, approved the decision of the Church. In this proceedure we maintain that the Association acted in accordance with Gospel principles. Many reasons might be assigned in support of this position, but we will only advert to a few:

Admitting that the ground taken by some, that a Minister can only be tried and deposed by Ministers, is correct; the history of this unhappy affair shows that no injustice in this respect was done to Mr. Repiton, as there were at least two Ministers present at every

trial, consenting to, advising, and approving the final action taken by the Church.

Again—even if it be admitted, as some have contended, that the penalty was too severe for the offence committed—the question arises, what else could have been done in the maintenance of Gosper principles, with one, who, for his offences, would give no satisfaction, nor yield to the rightful authority of the Church? Or what could have been done to restore such an one to the fellowship of the Church, when there was so little ground for confidence? Furthermore—a member or a Minister gains his connexion with the Church, by virtue of fellowship, in conformity with Gospel principles, and can only maintain his standing by adherence to those principles. When, therefore, there is a departure from those principles which form the basis of fellowship, without due reparation, how can fellowship consistently be continued?

Your committee do not deem it necessary to extend this report further than to say, that they most deeply regret that the Mount Holly Church had cause to exercise discipline in the case of Mr. Repiton; yet in view of all the facts of the case, they do not see any good reason why the Association should change her position in reference to it; nor do they think that the Mount Holly Church has violated Gospel principles, in her action upon it; and we appeal with confidence to the good sense and christian charity of our brethren at large. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.
W. P. BEDDLE.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respective churches, a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute, and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her Churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognise as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her Churches, without her prior direct or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting, and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding officer. (or in his absence.) the Secretary shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded. it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debte no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session by a vote of the Delegates present.

A CARD.

It is much regretted that these Minutes did not appear sooner. Be it known that the Clerk was on a protracted absence from home, when the Report of the Committee, in vindication of the Association, in the case of A. P. REPITON, was furnished, and they could not be put to press until it had passed through his hands. This is now the second time that painful matter has been before the Association, and they, in each instance, acting *advisedly* and *understandingly*, have made the same decision. It now remains to be seen, whether *order* and *church authority* shall be maintained by the Baptist Denomination; or whether *disorder* and contempt of Church authority and action shall be countenanced and sustained.

J. McDANIEL.

J. J. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

WHITE OAK, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

SEPT. 29th,----OCT. 2nd. 1848.

WILMINGTON:

JAS. H. SMITH, BOOK & JOB PRINTER—GAZETTE OFFICE.

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J. J. Alderman

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members, shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem. who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for the reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to membership shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th ch., 16, 17, and 18th verses, and all public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules, to all the churches that compose this body.

F. T. Tillman

MINUTES.

The introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock on Friday, by Elder M. R. Fory, from 1st Cor., 3d chapt. and 10th verse: "But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." After a short intermission, the Association was called together, by the Moderator, Elder J. McDaniel—prayer by Elder Stephen Senter.

By nomination, D. Cashwell was chosen clerk pro tem., and Elder H. R. Kornegay, assistant.

The Association then proceeded to business, by calling for, and reading letters from the Churches, enrolling the names of delegates, and arranging the statistical and financial accounts—brother H. E. Royal, C. C. Oats and J. L. Boykin, being appointed the Committee on Finance.

Churches at Piney Green and Falling Creek, petitioned for membership and were received—the Moderator extending to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Churches Concord and Parker's Chapel, (formerly free-will Baptist) petitioned for admission; their petitions were referred to a committee consisting of W. P. Biddle, J. McDaniel, M. R. Fory, Geo. Fennell and J. D. Elwell.

At this stage of the proceedings, the officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: J. McDaniel as Moderator, D. Cashwell Clerk, and H. Moore Treasurer.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiters—ministers, and brethren, of corresponding bodies—when the following were cordially welcomed to seats, and to the privileges of a participation in our proceedings:

From the Raleigh Baptist Association, as delegates with communications and package of minutes—Stephen Senter, Thos. Hair, Nathan Gardner, Levi West, Jas. Rench, Professor J. B. White, H. Holland, and H. M. Dawson; from the Advisory Council, as delegate with correspondence, W. H. Whitfield, their Moderator; from the Cape Fear Association, as delegates, with communication and package of minutes, H. Lennon and H. McAlpin.

On motion, appointed on Committee of Arrangements, Geo. Fennel, C. D. Ellis and B. Oliver.

The Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) morning: Prayer by brother Askew.

Saturday Morning, 9½ o'clock.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Session opened with the reading of 19th Psalm, praise and prayer by bro. Lennon.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received.

Committee to supply the stage with preachers during the Session, J. Underwood, S. Senter, B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, L. Highsmith, and C. Smith.

The following Committees were then announced by the Moderator:

On Education—W. A. Shaw, L. Carroll and Alfred Alderman.

On Fereign Missions—D. Wells, H. Lennon and M. C. Blunt.

On Periodicals—W. P. Biddle, J. Rogers and C. B. Corbett.

On Sabbath Schools—A. B. Alderman, J. D. Elwell and H. Bennett.

On Southern Publication Society—M. R. Fory, J. D. Carroll and J. L. Boykin.

On Ordination—W. P. Biddle, Geo. Fennell, M. R. Fory, G. W. Wallace and J. McDaniel.

On Temperance—H. R. Kornegay, J. B. White and N. Askew.

On Treasury Accounts—B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis and L. Highsmith.

On Delegation to State Convention—A. Brown, L. A. Powell and S. Andres.

On Letters and Minutes to Corresponding Asssociations—R. Newton, A. B. Alderman and D. Rogers.

On the Support of the Gospel Ministry—H. Moore, W. H. Whitfield and W. H. Smith.

The Association was agreeably and most affectingly entertained by remarks from Professor White, followed, happily, by brethren M. R. Fory, W. A. Shaw and W. P. Biddle, on the subject of Foreign Missions; after which a collection for that object was taken up amounting to $32,07½, which sum was appropriated, by resolution, to the dissemination of religious publications by brother Yates.

By request of the Moderator, brother Shaw offered prayer.

The Association, on motion, proceeded to select the place at which to hold her next Session—Mount Gilead was the place chosen, about eight miles from Clinton, Sampson County, immediately on the road leading from the above named place to Wilmington, by way of Taylors Bridge.

Appointed to Address Communications of Correspondence:

To the Cape Fear Association—G. W. Wallace.

To the Raleigh Association—Geo. Fennell.

To the Advisory Council—W. A. Shaw.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Churches be recommended to instruct their delegates to remain until Tuesday, at all future Sessions of this Association, or longer if business shall require it. All who have attended the three last meetings of this body, as delegates, can appreciate the importance and propriety of this Resolution.

On motion, agreed that the Association give place one hour, viz: from 12 to 1 o'clock on Monday, for the resuscitation of the Bible Society.

The Committee on examination of candidates for ordination reported. Report received and ordered to be appended. See Report A.

Committee on Application of Churches, Parker's Chapel, and Concord, reported. See Report B.

Brethren Biddle, Shaw, Fory, and Elwell, or any three of them, were appointed a Committee to attend to the reorganization of Churches, Parker's Chapel and Concord, which when done, they are hereby recognized members of this body.

Brother W. A. Shaw submitted a Resolution upon the subject of protracted meetings, which he requested should be placed on the table subject to being called up on Monday.

The Committee appointed last year to visit the Church at Washington reported. Report received and Committee discharged.

Brother W. P. Biddle appointed to preach the introductory at our next Session, at 11 o'clock. Brother W. A. Shaw his alternate.

Brother Geo. Fennell appointed to preach the Charity Sermon, on Sabbath. Brother M. R. Fory, alternate.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9½ o'clock. Prayer by brother White.

SABBATH.

The public exercises were opened by Elder W. P. Biddle, who by appointment, delivered a Sermon, very appropriate to the occasion of Dr. W. A. Shaw's ordination. The discourse was founded on 2nd Cor., 5th chap. 20th v.: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us." At the close of the discourse, Elder J. D. Elwell, Pastor of the Church into the membership of which brother Shaw had been baptized, conducted him to an open space in front of the stage, whereupon the Moderator, Elder J. McDaniel, accompanied by Elders M. R. Fory, Geo. Fennell, G. W. Wallace, W. P. Biddle and S. Senter, decending from the stage, took their position, with the candidate in the midst. An appropriate Hymn for the occasion was then read by the Moderator, and sung with great solemnity by the congregation; at the conclusion of which, in a kneeling position, with the right hand of each of the Ordaining Presbytery placed on the head of brother Shaw, the prayer in ordination was offered by Elder J. McDaniel. After this, Elder M. R. Fory gave a very solemn charge to the candidate, in which he pointed out some of the great features of ministerial responsibility. This being done, Elder G. Fennell presented the Bible, with some very suitable remarks.—Elder G. W. Wallace then extended the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the ministers and denomination, accompanied with appropriate remarks. The solemn and deeply interesting occasion, was then closed by Elder S. Senter, immediately after which, numbers with hearts beating high with love, approached to give brother Shaw the hand of affectionate welcome. O, it was good to be there. After a respite of 30 minutes, Elder J. McDaniel, by appointment, delivered a charity sermon, founded on Mark 11th chap. 41 v.: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." The discourse was listened to with great attention by the immense crowd, until a sudden rain commenced, near the close; yet the collection was very creditable, considering the peculiar circumstance.

The shower having past, Elder W. A. Shaw, by request, delivered a discourse, founded on 2d Cor. 4th chap. 3d v.: "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." The discourse was admirably arranged, solemn and impressive, and listened to by a large congregation with deep attention. At the close of the Sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered—Elders Biddle, McDaniel and Shaw, officiated in its administration. A Hymn was then sung and the services were closed by benediction. Often will the thoughts of the children of God, who were then present, recur to that Sabbath's exercises.

MONDAY MORING, 9½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Session opened with the reading of scripture, praise and prayer, by brother Shaw.

Names of the delegates were called and proceedings of Saturday read.

Brethern Fennell, Wells and L. Carroll were, on motion, continued a Committee to visit the Church at Riley's Creek.

Agreed to take up and consider the business of the Itineracy, when the Executive Committee presented a verbal report through one of their members, pressing upon the attention of the Association the great importance of efficiency of action upon the subject; in connection with which the Association Resolved, on motion, that the Committee be hereby authorized to employ two, four, or more, suitable ministers to travel and preach, and labour in the destitute sections of the same; and that should there appear a deficiency in their support from the appropriate fund, together with what they may receive in contributions, donations, &c., while engaged in their missions of mercy, the Association pledge herself to make it good.

Brethren Geo. Fennell and C. C. Oats were appointed to nominate the Executive Committee; they recommended the following brethren as suitable persons to compose said Committee: H. E. Royal, B. Oliver, H. Moore, C. D. Ellis, David Jones of Lenoir, J. D. Carroll and J. L. Boykin. The nomination was confirmed.

The following reports were received from committees, adopted, and ordered to be appended:

Report on Education—see Report C. Ordered that 1000 extra copies of this report be printed for circulation.

Report on Southern Publication Society—see Report			D.
Report on Foreign Missions,	"	"	E.
Report on Temperance,	"	"	F.
Report on Sabbath Schools,	"	"	G.
Report on Periodicals,	"	"	H.
Brother Shaw's Resolution on Protracted Meetings adopted,	"	"	I.
Report on Delegation,	"	"	J.
Report on Letters and Minutes of Corresponding Bodies,	"	"	K.
Report on Finance,	"	"	L.
Report on the Gospel Ministry,	"	"	M.
Report on the Treasurer's Accounts,	"	"	N.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, reported that the Association is entitled, by amount contributed, to 48 delegates to the State Convention, and recommended the following brethren as suitable persons to represent us in said Convention. Report and Recommendation approved.

From Mount Holly,	L. Carroll,	Piney Grove,	G. W. Hobbs.
" Moores Creek,	A. Alderman,	Th'nd'r Swamp,	G. W. Wallace.
" Marshall's,	M. H. Prigeon,	Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver.
" Lebanon,	Geo. Fennell,	Johnson's,	W. M. Kennedy.
" Bethell,	A. B. Alderman,	Kenansville,	G. W. Hufham.
" Well's Chapel,	L. Highsmith,	Beaver Dam,	J. D. Carroll.
" Mount Zion,	S. Andres,	Concord,	W. B. Wells.
" Lisbon,	R. Herring,	Berea,	J. W. West.
" Mount Gilead,	L. A. Powell,	Piney Grove,	J. Merrit.
" New Hope,	W. H. Smith,	Newbern,	M. R. Fory.

" Roan,	W. Peterson,	Washington,	J. D. Elwell and
" Boykin's Ch'p'l,	appointed their own.		[W. A. Shaw.
" White Oak,	W. Vann,	Hancocks,	C. Smith.
" Pleasant Sp'gs,	S. R. Peterson,	Harriets Chapel,	W. P. Biddle &
" Fork M. H.,	L. Rich,		[N. Askew.
" Pleasant Union,	A. Hall,	Piney Green,	J. Wilson.
" Salem,	T. Underwood,	Falling Creek,	C. W. Smith.
" Brown's M. H.,	H. E. Royal,	Wilmington,	J. I. Bryan, C.
" Bulah,	C. C. Oats and M. [C. Blunt,		[D. Ellis, G. R. [French.

On motion, by brother Fory:

Resolved, That as the word of God is the great Fountain of Scriptural knowledge, we deem it important to the best interest of the Churches, that the Scriptures be read on all occasions of public worship.

On motion, by brother Biddle:

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to correct errors as appearing in the printed financial accounts of last year.

Resolved furthermore, at the request of Treasurer, That the Moderator, Clerk and brother C. D. Ellis, constitute a Committee to adjust the financial accounts of this Association which have been found incorrect, from the original data.

Ordered that the funds in the hands of Treasurer be paid over to brother Isaac Boykin.

Resolved, That increased attention to oral religious instruction be given, by our ministers, to the colored population within the bonnds of this Association.

Resolved, on motion of brother Fory, That we regard the distribution of religious tracks as an important means of usefulness, and that we recommend to the Churches of this Association the circulation of such works among the destitute for gratuitous distribution.

Resolved, on motion of brother Fennell, That we recommend to the Churches within the bounds of this Assnciation, to adopt the cent a week plan of raising money for benevolent purposes, i. e. that each member be requested to give at least one cent every week, to be appropriated as the Churches may direct.

Brethren Geo. Fennell, J. L. Boykin, R. Newton, A. B. Alderman, H. E. Royal and J. McDaniel, were appointed delegates to the Raleigh Association to meet Friday preceding 4th Sabbath in August next.

Brethren D. Rogers, jr., H. E. Royal, N. Askew, G. W. Wallace, G. R. French, J. McDaniel and C. D. Ellis, were appointed delegates to the Cape Fear Association next year.

Brethren W. P. Biddle, N. Askew, J. McDaniel, W. A. Shaw, J. D. Elwell and C. D. Ellis, were appointed delegates to the Advisory Council.

Resolved, That the Clerks of all the Churches be requested to make a distinction, statistically, between their white and coloured members, in their letters annually.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to appropriate five dollars to each Missionary of this Association to be expended in tracks.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of these Minutes be printed for distribution among the Churches.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Psalmist, by Fuller & Jeter, as the most valuable Hymn Book in use in our denomination.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $25 for his services in transcribing, attending to the printing, and distribution of these Minutes.

Resolved, That the grateful acknowledgements of this Association are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

The letter to the Council was read, approved and adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the officers of the Bible Society, viz: W. P. Biddle, President; Geo. Fennell, 1st Vice President; C. C.

Oats, 2d Vice President; H. E. Royal, Secretary; and J. L. Boykin, Treasurer.

On motion, ordered, that the Bible Fund in the hands of the Treasurer, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Bible Society, and that ten dollars of said money be appropriated to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments for this region.*

On motion, this Association adjourned to Friday before the first Sabbath in October next, at Mount Gilead, Sampson County; on which occasion, the Moderator made some interesting and *very solemn* remarks, calling on brother Biddle to close the exercises, which he did with a deeply affecting address, and prayer.

Benediction by the Moderator.

JAMES McDANIEL, MODERATOR.

D. CASHWELL, SECRETARY.

* Those Bibles and Testaments can be had of the Bible Society at Wilmington.

A TABLE

Showing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Baptisms for the year, Number received by letter, Restored, by Experience, Dismissed by Letter, Excluded, Died, Total, Amount Contributed, Quarterly Meetings, and Post Offices.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Rd by let.	Restored.	By E'p'ce	Dis by let	Excluded	Died	Total.	Assoc'ti n Fund	Itinerant Fund	Bible Society	State Conv'tion	Southern Conv'tion	Educ'tion	Foreign Missions	Quarterly Meetings.	POST OFFICES.
NEW HANOVER.																		
Wilmington,	J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, D. Cashwell,	16	12	3		5	3	3	205	350	500		3200					Wilmington.
Mount Holly,	L. Carroll, W. A. Rivenbark, Thos. Lee,*							1	44	200	550						De. Mh J'ne Sep	South Washington.
Moores Creek,	J. M. Alderman, Alfred Alderman,					2	9	3	115	350	350	260	1750*				Mh J'e Sep Nov	Long Creek.
Riley's Creek,																		
Bethlehem,																		
Marshall's,	G. W. Marshall, M. H. Prigeon,							2	38	250								
Lebanon,	Geo. Fennell. J. Stringfield, C. B. Corbett,								64	200	675	200	1300				Jan Apl July Oct	Harrell's Store.
Bethel,	A. B. Alderman, A. Alderman, R. Newton,		2			1	3	1	80	260	825	400	100	400		100	Feb My Au Nov	Harrell's Store.
Well's Chapel,	L. Highsmith, Geo. Alderman,* David Wells,					2	1	2	166	400	1020	150	250*	400	$1	100	2d Sab. Jan April July and October	Harrell's Store.
BLADEN.																		
Mount Zion,	J. G. Sutton,* S. Andres, G. W. Russ,		1				1		40	150							4th Sab Jan Ap'l July and Nov.	Gravelly Hill.
SAMPSON.																		
Lisbon,	A. M. Blackburn, Richard Herring, J. M. Register,		2			1	1	1	72	200		75					Fb M'y A'g Nov	Lisbon.
Mount Gilead,	Stephen Senter, H. Hobbs, L. A. Powell,	4	4					1	36	150			1100				Mch Je Sep Dec	Clinton.
New Hope,	P. Rackley, W. H. Smith, J. R. Ezzell,	14	2			6		1	147	300								Warsaw.
Ream,	W. Pterson, S. Peterson, W. Robinson.	1	2			2	2		87	200								Clinton.
Boykin's Chapel,	J. L. Boykin, J. Boykin, J. Peterson,	74	2	1	2	3	1	2	139	200			4350				2d Sab N F M A	Clinton.

White Oak,	W. Vann, H. Bennett, H. Spell.	3	3						38	150			200*					Clinton.
Pleasant Springs,	N. Hall, L. R. Peterson,* D. Rogers,	20	6				2		48	100						F'b M'y Au Nov		Owensville.
Fork M. H.,	L. Rich, J. B. Highsmith, W. D. Pe-	27			1	2			40	100			300*			3 times a year.		Lisbon.
Pleasant Union,	J.Rogers, E.Fisher,A. Hall, [terson,*	18	1	2		1	2		122	200						S'r D'r M'h J'e		Owensville.
Salem,	T. U'd'rw'd,T. H'w'rd,T. A. H'w'rd,	3				5		2	91	150								
Brown's M. H.,	H. E. Royal, A. Brown, A. Hobbs,					6	1		70	150						4 Sab Ja A Jy Oc		Clinton.
Bulah,	C. C. Oats, F. B. Millard, M. Blunt,	1				7	3		81	200						M'h J'e S'r Dec		Spring Vail.
Piney Grove,	G. W. Hobbs, J. Hines,	1			2	3	2	1	57	200								
Thunder Swamp,	G. W. Wallace, O. Norris, R. Powell,	1	1		2		3	2	57	150						Sep Jan Apl J'y		Bear Branch.
Piney Green,	J. Wilson, W. B. Tew, H. Kennedy,								54	175								
WAYNE.																		
Falling Creek,	W. R.Parker,G.Whitman,W.Smith,								16	200								
DUPLIN.																		
Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, J. Lofton, D. Glisten,					3	1	2	177	225	2500							Bear Branch.
Johnson's,	W. M. Kennedy, S. Guy, A. Guy,	19	1			5	8	9	324	135						1 Sab FMyAuN		Warsaw.
Kenansville,	G. W. Huf ham,* H. R. Kornegay,	3	3			1	3		131	510								Kenansville.
	H. Moore, [son,	2	1													F'y M'y Au Nov		
Beaverdam,	J. D. Carroll,L. G. Bass,G. W. Swin-		4	2			5	2	101	250						Jan A'l J'y Oct.		Kenansville.
Concord,	J.W.Taylor,M. J.Taylor,W.B.Wells,					3	6		125	405	150	150	100			3 Sab May Nov		Strickland's.
Berea,	J. W. West, H. Murray,S. Stallings,					1			41	110						Feb M'y Au No		Teachy's.
Island Creek,	Letter,					1			65	200						M'h J'e S'r Dec		Kenansville.
JONES.																		
Piney Grove,	Jno. Merrit, F. Merrit,* J. Benders,*	2				3	2		55	200								Trenton.
CRAVEN.																		
Brice's Creek,																		Newbern.
Newbern,	M.R. Fory,J.C.Stevenson,C.Kelley,*	12	16			3	1	3	113	300								
BEAUFORT.																		Pantego.
Concord,	J Jones, E. Ratliff, R. R. Wilkerson,								36	150								
Washington,	J. D. Elwell, W. A. Shaw.	7	1	1	2	8	6	4	111	200								
PITT.																		Greenville.
Parker's Chapel.	Jacob Utley, A. G. Jordan.								15	100								
Greenville,																		
Hancocks,	C. Smith, A. Cox,* A. Ellis,*	6	1	1					52	200								
LENOIR.																		
Harriets Chapel,	W.P. Biddle, S.S.Biddle,* N.Askew,	1	1					2	68	300						4 Sab JaAlJyOc		Kingston.

* Absent.

* Paid to Bro. Aaron Jones, Agent.

TABLE CONTINUED.

Wayne County—Goldsboro',		Not represented.
Onslow "	Richlands Chapel,	" "
" "	Bay M. H.,	" "

The entire membership of this Association as last reported, 3,461

The following is a catalogue of ordained ministers in the Union Association, with their Post Offices:

James McDaniel,	Wilmington,	G. W. Hufham,	Faisons.
Geo. Fennell,	Harrell's Store.	G. W. Wallace,	Bear Branch.
David Wells,	do.,	L. F. Williams,	Spring Vail.
Isaac W. West,	Teachy's Depot.	A. J. Battle,	Goldsboro'.
Jesse Rogers,	Owensville.	H. Swinson,	Snow Hill.
A. P. Brinson,	do.	A. Jones,	Kingston.
H. Stallings,	Limestone.	N. Askew,	do.
Wm. Potter,	Clinton,	W. P. Biddle,	Newbern.
P. Rackly,	do.	M. R. Fory,	do.
A. B. Alderman,	Warsaw,	A. B. Rhen,	Jacksonville.
J. D. Elwell,	Washington.	W. A. Shaw,	Washington.

Licentiates—W. M. Kennedy, J. Guy, A. Guy, Warsaw.

NOTE :—The clerk feels authorized to say, that it would be very gratifying to the Association to have a *full representation from all the Churches* at the next session. To contribute our humble aid in the establishment of Christ's Kingdom on the Earth, is a business of the first importance, as we shall all soon fully realize.

(A.)

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

The Committee on examination for ordination and ordination, beg leave to report that we have great satisfaction in listening to the conversation of our brother, Doctor Wm. A. Shaw, and being perfectly satisfied, recommend that he be ordained to-morrow, agreeably to the request of the Church to which he belongs; and further, we have confered about the order of the ordination, and think that it will be well to have a sermon, the first in the day appropriate, and then immediately after, the ordination. The brethren to officiate have been considered, and will arrange more fully to night. Respectfully submitted.

WM. P. BIDDLE, Chairman.

(B.)

REPORT ON APPLICATION.

The committee to whom was referred the letters of application from the Churches at Parkers and Concord ask leave to report—That they deliberated with earnest attention on the state of those Churches, and as they have hitherto been what is denominated Churches of the Free Will Baptist Order, and from the custom observed with that order in receiving members and organising Churches, are esteemed to be in some particulars differing from our own, and believing that the Churches above named should be brought into closest union and confidence with our own, and

also learning that those Churches are desirous to be advised and aided by the association—therefore we suggest that a committee of three Ministers be appointed to visit those Churches, and by, and with their consent inquire into their standing, and perform such acts with them as shall seem fit and proper—from which time by the assurance of the committee, those Churches shall be received and esteemed constituent members of the Union Association.

And further, as brother Utley was present, and underwent a particular examination by the committee, we recommend that he be received along with the Churches, or by any of our Churches, as a member, and as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WM. P. BIDDLE, Chairman.

(C.)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the Brethren of Union Association:—The Committee on Education, having had that important subject under consideration, beg leave to report—That they rejoice to find, while they most fully admit, that the Great Head of the Church can alone raise up, call and qualify a godly, wise, spiritual and efficient ministry, that our Churches realize more and more the absolute necessity of having their own denominational colleges and schools, for the literary and scientific instruction of the children and youth of their own Church. Other denominations are striving to plant parochial schools in every district, and almost every county in their respective States—to multiply and endow academies and colleges, expressly to imbue the minds of the rising generations with their peculiar tenets of religion. As Baptists, we ought with Christian jealousy and holy emulation, to strive to excel them in every good work, and convinced as we are, that the doctrines and ordinances of our Cuhrch, are more conformable to the Gospel pattern, as founded by our Lord and His Apostles, we are absolutely shut up to the alternative of keeping equal pace with other Churches which differ from us, or seeing the education of our own children ultimately fall into the hands of men, who will teach them principles entirely subversive of the faith and order of the House of God, as held by their fathers. If we believe we hold the truth of God in its purity, how can we escape the imperative responsibility of transmitting it as we received it, and hold it to our own kindred—our sons and daughters, which we are charged to bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, for the building up, confirmation, and permanent establishment of our own Beloved Zion?

Again, we know from experience how hard it is to reclaim from error, youthful minds which from long instruction, example and association, have been led to fall away from the stedfastness of parental influence and pious example, founded on the pure precepts of the word of God. Is it not more consistent with that "charity which rejoiceth in the truth," (while we love all who strive to extend the Redeemers Kingdom, and bless mankind with the benefits of religion,) to fulfil our own mission, by propagating with all the zeal of conscientious conviction, "the faith once delivered to the Saints" by our Lord and Apostles, unmixed and undiluted by national laws, or mere human conventional usages?

Brethren, we desire affectionately and respectfully "to stir up your

pure minds," to ponder well those weighty considerations, until a thorough and efficient system of intellectual and theological education, is placed within easy attainment of every son and daughter of our Zion. We congratulate you on the means, we have by authentic statements, of informing you, that the debt against our College at Wake Forest, is reduced from $10,000 to $3000, within a single year, and hope soon to have the glad privilege of hearing that the whole debt is entirely liquidated, for which purpose the subscription is nearly completed. It affords us peculiar pleasure to announce to our Churches that the Institution is now in a prosperous condition, with about 75 Students now under regular literary instruction. There are four Professors, and one Tutor in the College, now engaged in superintending the education of these young men. They have access to good Libraries belonging to the respective Literary Societies. There are two Sessions in a year—the first beginning on the third Monday in January, and ending on the second Thursday in June, which is the day of the annual commencement, for the dispensation of Diploma's to the graduating classes. The second Session begins on the fourth Monday in July, and closes on the third Thursday in December. We would fondly hope the day is not far distant, when a Theological Department will be in full operation in that College.

At present we are authorized earnestly to request and urge Ministerial brethren and others who may call their attention to it, to seek out and encourage young brethren who are devotedly pious, truly gifted, called of God, and licenced to preach by their respective Churches, whose talents may be enlarged and sanctified to the service of our Churches in the Ministry of the Gospel. None others deserve encouragement, but such as correspond to the above character. Such as do merit that commendation may be assured of a cordial welcome, and every facility afforded within the powers of the Professors, by bringing a certificate to that effect, signed by two Ministers in their vicinity, belonging to our order. The Baptist State Convention has an organized Department to meet all demands, which may arise, in making ample provision on this subject, for all such young candidates for the holy ministry.

And now, brethren, in unison with the Spirit of the Gospel, if we "devise liberal things, by liberal things we shall stand"—if we thus sow to the Spirit, we shall reap a rich Spiritual harvest throughout our Zion.—And if we can discern the signs of the times, we must believe that the Great Head of the Church, is overruling the progressive Spirit of the present age, to the more speedy and glorious establishment of that Spiritual Kingdom He has purchased with his own blood, and which as Mediatorial Lord of all, He has declared shall absorb all nations, subduing them all to the Kingdom of the Most High. "Let no man, therefore, take our crown," but as we have been heretofore honoured of God, as faithful stewards of the grace of the Gospel, let us be stedfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, he will graciously confer on each of us the crown of eternal glory.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SHAW, Chairman.

(D.)

REPORT ON SOUTHERN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Southern Publication Society, present the following report:

The objects contemplated by the Society, are intimately connected with the best interests of the denomination, and demand our hearty co-operation. The limited number of Ministers, precludes the preaching of the Gospel in many parts of the country, and uuless other means of instruction be devised, multitudes must remain ignorant of the truth.

The circulation of religious books, is admirably adapted to supply, in part, this destitution; and though such books do not supercede the necessity of the *living* teacher, they are, nevertheless, most important auxiliaries in the work of saving souls. Such works are needed, even where the living teacher constantly labors. Tne press daily sends forth a literature of the most worthless character, whose only tendency is, to form distorted views of life—enfeeble the intellect—and pollute the imagination. This terrible engine is ceaseless in its operations, and most effectually destroys souls. To withstand it, we must oppose force to force. Wherever is found this destructive agent, we must introduce an other of opposite character.

Your committee regard the Publications of the Society as peculiarly fitted, under God, to counteract the baneful influence of this literature.—The reading of works of this character disposes the mind to *further* investigation of religious subjects, and thus better prepares the individual to profit by the public exhibition of truth. The works of the Society embody the great fundamental truths of the Gospel, and therefore may not only elevate the masses intellectually, but also make them "wise unto salvation."

The committee would particularly call the attention of the Churches to the Sabbath School Libraries furnished by the Society at prices so reduced as to place them within the reach of all. A Depository is established at Fayetteville, under the supervision of Rev. J. J. Brantly, from which the works of our own denomination, and other standard religious works can be obtained. Similar works, and religious Tracts, can also be obtained at Newbern of J. C. McBrinson. The books are selected with great care, and with deference to the peculiar wants of the South. Deeply impressed with the importance of this subject, your committee would again earnestly call the attention of the Association to the speedy circulation of these works. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. R. FORY, Chairman.

(E.)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report—The Mission connected with the Southern Baptist Board is in a prosperous condition. In regard to the African Mission, but little information has lately been received. Of the China Mission, however, more is known:—At Canton there are already three Missionaries, and two more have been appointed by the Board for this field. At Shanghai there are also three Missionaries; brother Yates, of the Raleigh Association, is connected with this station. The brethren here are enjoying good health—have

been successful in acquiring the language—and are now beginning to preach. They are pleased with their field; and all accounts show that it is one of great promise.

The success which has thus far attended the operations of the Southern Churches, is most encouraging, and places us under additional obligations to the Great Head of the Church, to increase our efforts in behalf of this good cause, "Ye are the light of the world—go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "If ye love me, keep my commandments," is the language of the Saviour to his desciples, and not only imposes upon them the obligation to spread the Gospel, but presents a subject to test their love and fidelity to Him; we may assist therefore in the promotion of this cause, by our prayers and by our alms. Let us therefore, according as God prospers us, devote regularly a portion of our income to the spread of the Gospel among the nations of the Earth.

All of which is respectfully submitted by D. WELLS, Chairman.

(F.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, to whom it was entrusted to prepare a few thoughts for the Association on the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report the following:

When we look abroad on the world we discover many of our fellow-beings slaves to Intemperance, and reduced to the lowest state of degradation and misery, by the habitual and intemperate use of ardent spirits. When we reflect that Intemperance prepares inmates for the poor house, hospital, asylum and prison; when we reflect upon the vast amount of misery and suffering undergone by our race, on account of Intemperance; when we reflect that Intemperance when indulged in defiles the purity of the Church, and renders the Ministers of the Church useless when they indulge in it; when we reflect that the heart of many a poor female, the better part of our race, yes many a female who pessesses accomplishments and virtues worth the admiration of all, has been heart-broken, and she brought to an untimely grave by her erring husband's indulging in Intemperance; and above all, when we reflect that the Word of God, which is without the least mixture of error, emphatically declares that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, we do think that it is high time Christians were aroused and alive to the subject of Temperance—a subject which should claim the attention of every philanthropist and lover of his race:—Therefore

Resolved, 1st, That the members of our Churches cannot become "lights to the World" or "living epistles," so long as they indulge in the use of Intoxicating Drinks as a beverage.

2d, That the evil of Intemperance can only be removed by the adoption of such Temperance Societies, as will be permanent in their continuance of the zeal of its members.

3d, That we recommend to all the Churches composing the Union Association, the formation of Temperance Societies, and all other reasonable measures that may prevent that most tremendous evil, Intemperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY R. KORNEGAY, Chairman.

(G.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools,

report—That the importance of educating our own children in such schools, cannot be over-estimated—not only as respects the children themselves, but the reflex influence on their parents and the servants of the families to which they belong. They recommend increased attention to this subject to all our Churches, and would rejoice to see it required that every letter from the Churches should state the condition of its Sabbath School, the number of its teachers, scholars, state of its Library, and the results of faithful attention to the religious instruction of the children.—They believe this to be one of the great means "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings to perfect praise" to the Great Redeemer in Zion.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Chairman.

(H.)

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals ask leave to report—That they have given the subject the best attention the nature of circumstances would admit, and recommend to your favorable attention, "The Southern Missionary Journal," published at Richmond, monthly, at $1; "The Religious Herald" and "The Baptist Guardian," published at Richmond; "The Southern Baptist," published at Charleston—and we further recommend to the brethren of this Association to take and read some religious paper or review, by which they will not only be entertained but improved, and better prepared to perform the relative duties of Christians—and we think it will greatly conduce to the increase of information, for different brethren of the same Church to take different papers, which by exchanging, will present a greater field of intelligence. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. BIDDLE, Chairman.

(I.)

RESOLUTION ON PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

Resolved, That it be requested of each of the Ministering brethren to hold with any brother they may elect, at least two protracted meetings, and more if practicable, within our bounds, in the interval between the adjournment of this and the beginning of the next annual meeting of the Association.

(J.)

REPORT ON DELEGATION.

Your Committee to report the number of Delegates from the Association to the State Convention, beg leave to report—That after examination they find the Association entitled to 48, of which number the Church at Boykins is entitled to 5—and recommend the names of I. Boykin, T. J. Boykin, H. Boykin, and C. T. Stephens: the Church at Wilmington 3; the Church at Bulah 3; and Church Mount Gilead 1, viz: L. L. Powell: which leaves 37 to be nominated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR BROWN, Chairman.

(K.)

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Letters and Minutes of Correspondence ask leave to report—That from the Raleigh Association they have no particular intelligence as to the state of religion, but it appears somewhat cheering—the

Churches have been privileged, by the blessing of God, to baptize 92 persons—but were brought to the painful necessity to exclude 62. There were sent to this Association two persons, or licentiate Ministers, as candidates for examination to ordination—one of which was ordained, the other was recommended to his Church for ordination. There was also one newly constituted Church received. From the Advisory Council we have no intelligence as to the state of religion. From the Cape Fear, cheering intelligence appears, though some of the Churches complain of coldness, yet for the most part they are in love and union—and in some instances have enjoyed the outpouring of the spirit of God, and hopes of better times prevail. The Churches of this Association have undergone the hard necessity of excluding 73 of their members—but have enjoyed the glorious privilege of baptising 161 persons. Some of the Churches complain of having no pastors; the Association reports one missionary in the field: received one newly constituted Church: examined and approved of two of the candidates sent up for examination to ordination; she has sustained the loss (in death) of one beloved minister in Christ, who appeared faithful in his administrations. These items of intelligence, are respectfully submitted. R. NEWTON, Chairman.

(L.)

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following account current with H. Moore, Treasurer:

To Cash received for Association Fund,		$ 82 70
" " " " Itinerant "		40 70
" " " " State Convention do.,		4 50
" " " " Foreign Mission do.,		34 00
" " " " Edncation do.,		1 00
" " " " Southern Convention,		4 00
" " " " Union Bible Society,		12 35
" " " " Sabbath collection,		31 92½
" " " " Bro. Yates to buy Bibles and Tracts,		32 07½
Pledges from Churches to be paid when called for, for the Itinerantcy,		40 00
Pledges from Churches to be paid the ensuing year,		37 50
Pledges to be paid by the hands of W. Jones for the State Convention,		78 50
Pledges to be paid by the hands of an Agent for Foreign Mission,		17 50
		$416 75

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By Cash handed H. Moore,	$243 25	
Pledges from Sundry Churches for the Itinerantcy,	77 50	
Sent to State Convention by the hands of W. Jones,	78 50	
Sent to the Southern Convention by the hands of an Agent,	17 50	$416 75

All of which is respectfully submitted.

October 2d, 1848. H. E. ROYAL, Chairman.

(M.)

REPORT ON THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.

Your Committee on the Support of the Gospel Ministry, beg leave to report—That they consider the subject one of such vast importance that they feel inadequate to the task under any circumstances, but owing to the very short space of time they could attend to it, can only recommend to your body the necessity of continuing the Itenerant plan on the most extensive scale, as the limits of our bounds extend over a large portion of our State, much of which is almost entirely destitute of any regular ministry, and more especially that of our denomination. Your Committee have the gratification to say that from information upon which they can fully rely, that these destitute regions anxiously desire to have our ministers preach among them. We recommend that such measures be adopted as may seem best calculated to reach this great object- -we recommend therefore, that you, through the Delegates present, make an appeal to the Churches requesting them to aid by their contribution, as soon as they can, in this important work. We recommend also, the plan which has been already suggested, for our Brethren in the Ministry to hold protraeted meetings: two operating together—and thus endeavor to stir up our Churches and congregations to aid liberally by their contributions, to enable the Executive Committee to send Ministers to the destitute parts within our limits; and we think it unnecessary to present Scripture or argument to this body to show that they that preach the Gospel should be supported and taken care of by those favoured with their labors. We therefore recommend that all our Churches take hold on this important subject, and by their Deacon, or some efficient member, present the claim to their Church and congregation, and urge the necessity of immediate action; and last, though not least, we present for consideration the subject of a liberal support of the Pastors of Churches. All of which is respecttully submitted. HENRY MOORE, Chairman.

(N.)

HENRY MOORE, Treasurer. IN ACCOUNT WITH UNION ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 4, '47.	To Cash on hand from last year's Associational Fund,	$ 2 25		
	To Cash received from Finance Committee,	78 25	$ 80	50
	To Cash received from Finance Committee, for the Itinerancy,	46 75		
	To Cash from G. W. Marshall,	1 00		
	" " " Bear Marsh Church,	25 00		
	" " " G. W. Wallace,	5 00	77	75
	" " for Baptist State Convention,		26	25
	" " " Bible Society,		203	25
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Oct. 4th.	By Cash paid Extra Printing,	$ 2 78		
	" " " A. J. Battle, for prepairing Minutes for 1848.	25 00		
	" " " Printing Minutes,	55 00		
	" " " J. Boykin, for State Convention, per order of Association,	26 25		
	By balance on hand 2d Oct., 1848.	94 22	$203	25

Oct. 2d, 1848. Audited by B. OLIVER, Chairman.

The following Churches are pledged to pay the amounts opposite their respective names, for the Itineracy, at the next session of this Association :

Bear Marsh,	$22 50
Kenansville,	10 00
Beaverdam,	5 00

The Committee appointed to correct errors in the accounts as appearing in the Minutes of last year, report—That they have examined the original vouchers presented by the Treasurer, and find that several items were improperly inserted, among which was that of $40 paid to Elder J. McDaniel the year before, and paid by him to the Convention, which if placed in the Minutes at all, should have appeared in those of the preceding year—1846. CHAS. D. ELLIS, Chairman.

DIGEST FROM THE LETTERS.

Wilmington Church, under charge of brother Jas. McDaniel, enjoys "a good degree of order," and though her increase does not appear commensurate with her privileges, she has had added a goodly number, "of such too, as we trust will stand accepted by the Judge in the last Day."

Mount Holly—This Church has for Pastor, brother Isaac West—has had none added during the past year.

Riley's Creek—Not represented.

Moore's Creek—Return no additions this year—say their congregations are large and attentive—brother Fennell Pastor.

Bethlehem—Not represented.

Marshall's—No accessions within a year—Elder Fennell Pastor.

Lebanon—This Church, with regard to members, remains as last year—brother Geo. Fennell their Pastor.

Bethel—Complain of coldness—accessions small—Elder Wells Pastor.

Wells' Chapel—None received this year—brother Fennell in charge.

Mount Zion—Increase small ; they complain of declension—brother Fennell their Pastor.

Lisbon.—They have the services of brother Fennell as Pastor ; no additions.

Mount Gilead—Has received a small addition to her number—brother Stephen Senter their Pastor.

New Hope—The intelligence is somewhat cheering : several have been added ; "we have had some interesting seasons"—Elder J. Howell their Pastor.

Roan—Has no Pastor ; "we enjoy peace among ourselves."

Boykin's Chapel—Has been greatly blessed : numbers added—Elder Senter Pastor.

White Oak—Is under charge of brother Senter, and in the enjoyment of peace ; God bless and prosper her.

Pleasant Springs—Return considerable increase, and have, as they state, enjoyed reviving seasons of Grace—brother J. Rogers Pastor.

Fork M. H.—This Church has enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord : accessions large—brother Senter Pastor.

Pleasant Union—Number received speak well for their piety and growth in Graee—brother J. Rogers their Pastor.

Salem—They "have nothing very interesting to communicate"—accessions small—brother Senter Pastor.

Brown's—This Church enjoys peace, though it has not been their happiness to add any to their number during the year—Elder Hugh McAlpin Pastor.

Bulah—Not much increased, but "are at peace with each other"—brother G. W. Wallace Pastor.

Piney Grove—"We are at peace with ourselves;" number received small—do not state whether they have a Pastor.

Thunder Swamp—"Trusts" that the Lord is about to visit them in mercy—brother Wallace Pastor.

Goldsboro'—Not represented.

Bear Mash—Has had no additions within a year—brother Wallace in charge.

Johnson's—Their accessions have been large and encouraging—Elder Howell Pastor.

Kenansville—Though few have been added, they say their meetings are interesting—Elder Hufham Pastor.

Beaverdam—In charge of brother Hufham—have had few additions.

Concord—They say "we are cold in matters of religion," and speak of existing difficulties—brother Fennell Pastor.

Berea—This Church request our prayers that they may be revived—brother Isaac West her Pastor.

Island Creek—Elder H. Stallings is Pastor of this Church · have received none the past year.

Piney Grove, Jones County—This Church has for Pastor brother G. W. Wallace, and though their numbers have not been much increased, say "we are at peace."

Brice's Creek—Not represented.

Newbern—Is in a prosperous condition: the number added, shows very favorable; brother M. R. Fory their Pastor.

Harriets Chapel—Is under the Pastorate of Elder W. P. Biddle. "We hope ere long to enjoy a refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Piney Green, Sampson County—Applied for admission and was received; their condition promising.

Washington—This Church is doing well under the Pastorate of Elder J. D. Elwell.

Falling Creek, Wayne County—Received under favorable circumstances.

Concord, Beaufort County.
Parker's Chapel, Pitt County. } These Churches applied for admission, and will be recognized by the Association, as members, after the Committee attends to their reorganization.

NOTE—Some few of the Churches have been under the necessity of expelling several of their members, which, however painful, is a duty they are required to perform in all cases when the conduct of members conflict with our discipline as laid down in the New Testament.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominnted, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed ef Delegates chosen annually by the Churchcs connected with it. Each Church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the Churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respective Churches, a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute, and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her Churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt— but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognise as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her Churches, without her prior direct or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting, and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding officer, (or in his absence,) the Secretary shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session by a vote of the Delegates present.

Pine Grove
Falling Creek - removed
Union
Pickens chapel re-organized
Pomaria Prosperity
also Bro. Utley formerly
ordained by Bro. Wise
[illegible]

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Dr. W. A. Shaw ordained
(Consecration)

J. T. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members, shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro. tem. who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debateable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th ch. 16, 17, and 18th verses, and all public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules, to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES.

The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Biddle, at 11 o'clock, on Friday, 5th October, 1849, from Titus, 2d chapter, 1st verse. "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

After a short intermission, the Association assembled for business and organized with reading the 72d Psalm and praise by the Moderator, JAMES MCDANIEL. Prayer by STEPHEN SENTER.

Brethren C. C. Oats, J. L. Boykin, and A. Brown, were appointed the Financial Committee.

The letters from the Churches were called for, read, and the names of the delegates enrolled. Brother J. C. Stevenson officiating, under appointment of the Association, as assistant Clerk.

Letters were presented by two delegations from the Church at Newbern, which were laid on the table for subsequent consideration.

The officers of the Association were elected for the ensuing year, viz: JAMES MCDANIEL, as Moderator, D. Cashwell, Clerk, and H. Moore, Treasurer.

The Olive Branch Church, at Masonboro' Sound, petitioned for admission, was received and enrolled.

On motion, the letters from the Newbern Church were taken up and referred to a committee of five, viz: W. P. Biddle, B. Oliver, J. McDaniel, M. R. Fory, and G. W. Hufham, to whom was delegated the authority to call for men and papers to aid them.

Visiting Ministers and Brethren of corresponding bodies were invited to seats, when the following were affectionately welcomed, viz: Doct. S. J. Wheeler, M. R. Fory, and J. W. Worrell, with letter and minutes from the Chowan Association. Brethren S. Wooten, and L. Hardy, with communication and minutes from the Advisory Council. From the Raleigh Association, with letter and minutes, S. Senter, H. M. Dawson, Lewis Pipkin, J. Dawson, James Rench, and Thomas Hair. From the Cape Fear Association, with letter, Elder H. McAlpin.

The Association appointed L. F. Williams, H. Moore, and G. W. Hufham, the committee of arrangements.

The Association adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother McAlpin.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with Praise and Prayer by L. Pipkin.

The names of Churches were called, and proceedings of yesterday read.

The committee of arrangements reported—the Minister's appointed to preach at the stand to-day, are, Utley, Breaker, Kennedy, and Gorden.

The Executive Committee submitted their report, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be appended. Marked A.

The following Committees were appointed to report at this session, viz:

On Treasurer's Account—C. D. Ellis, and L. Highsmith.

On Ministerial Education—J. M. C. Breaker, S. J. Wheeler, and M. R. Fory.

On Sabbath Schools—J. C. Stevenson, L. Carroll, and C. D. Ellis.

On Executive Nomination—C. C. Oats, F. B. Millard, and W. P. Biddle.

On Southern Publication Society—A. Brown, W. Jones, and L. Pipkin.

On Temperance—J. D. Elwell, H. R. Kornegay, and M. C. Blunt.

On Ordination—W. P. Biddle, M. R. Fory, G. W. Hufham, J. Utley, J. M. C. Breaker.

On State Convention—J. Utley, H. Moore, and J. D. Carroll.

On Correspondence—C. C. Gorden, H. McAlpin, and Bro. Jenkins.

On Foreign Missions—J. C. Stevenson, M. R. Fory, and W. Smith.

Committees appointed to report at our next session, 1850.

On Ministerial Education—G. W. Hufham, L. F. Williams, Jas. McDaniel, J. M. C. Breaker, W. P. Biddle, B. Oliver, and A. Brown.

On Sabbath Schools—G. W. Wallace, and A. B. Alderman.

On Temperance—J. M. C. Breaker, Z. Slade, and S. S. Biddle.

On Foreign Missions—W. P. Biddle, D. Jones, and N. Askew.

On Support of the Gospel—B. Oliver, J. W. Millard, and W. B. Wells.

The Committee to whom was referred the Newbern letters, made their report which was received and adopted. Marked B.

The delegates from the Church at Newbern, J. M. C. Breaker, J. C. Stevenson, and Z. Slade, then extended to each other the right hand of affectionate fellowship. The difference being thus happily adjusted, the Association returned devout thanks and adoration to him whose spirit of grace and love gently leads his chosen ones in paths of peace and joy. Brother Biddle made prayer.

On motion by Brother Biddle,

Resolved, That we recommend to our friends the interests of the Chowan Female Institute, sustained by our Brethren in the Chowan Association; that twelve Brethren be now elected by this body, who may co-operate with the present Board, chosen by sister Associations.

Resolved, That the Agent of the Institute be welcomed to labor in our bounds, in the promotion of the interests of the Institute.

Resolved further, That Brethren Askew, Wallace, and Ellis, constitute a committee to select suitable persons for the Officers or Trustees above referred to, and report on Monday.

Resolved, That the Circular of the Chowan Institute be appended to these minutes.

On motion of L. F. Williams,

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of a meeting to be denominated a Minister's and Deacon's meeting, the object of which shall be to enquire into the religious character, and promote the improvement of our Ministers; and especially with reference to the studies and religious instruction of our young Ministers, and to instruct our Deacons more fully in their various duties.

Resolved, That we consider it the duty of every Minister and Deacon within our bounds, to attend these meetings as often as practicable.

Resolved further, That these meetings shall be held on the Friday before every 5th Sabbath, in connection with, and at the places appointed by the Executive Committee.

The Association appointed its next session to be held with the Bear Marsh Church, to commence at 11 o'clock on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1850. Our Moderator, Brother McDaniel, was chosen to preach the introductory, and Brother C. C. Gorden, his alternate. Brother Breaker was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon on Sabbath, and G. W. Wallace, alternate.

The Association adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Jones.

SABBATH.

The solemnities of the day were opened by Elder J. M. C. Breaker of Newbern, with a discourse appropriate to the ordination of bro. H. R. Kornegay, founded on 2. Cor. 4 chap. 5 v. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake." At the close of the discourse, the candidate was presented to the ordaining Presbytery, on the stage, by the Moderator of the Association, and the Pastor of the Church, of which the candidate is a member. A Hymn was then sung, after which, Elders Biddle, Utley, Wallace, Hufham, Williams, Fory, and McDaniel, proceeded to set him apart to the sacred work of the Ministry, by imposition of hands and prayer, which was offered by Elder Biddle. Elder Utley then presented bro. Kornegay with the Bible, accompanied with a few appropriate remarks. Elder Williams gave him the right-hand of fellowship, with some affectionate and touching remarks. And Elder Fory gave a very solemn and weighty charge to the candidate. The congregation was very large, and manifested the greatest attention.

After the lapse of some 20 minutes, the congregation being so very large as to justify it, there was a sermon delivered at the stage, and also in the House, at the same hour. Elder Wm. Jones, Agent of the State Convention, delivered a sermon at the stage, founded on 1. Cor. 16 chap. 22 v. "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema, Maranatha." Elder Fory delivered a discourse in the House, founded on Luke 10 chap. 2 v. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that he may send forth laborers into his harvest." A collection was taken up at the close of each sermon.

An invitation was then given to the Association, and all members of the churches, in proper order, to assemble in the House, to attend on the administration of the Lord's Supper. Elders McDaniel and Biddle administered the Supper, and truly the place was solemn and sweet. It is believed there was not a professor of religion in the House, who was not melted to tears.

Thus closed the public Sabbath exercises, and the communicants separated with the glorious hope of their future, and heavenly meeting, glowing in their breasts.

"Their bodies here must part,
To different climes repair—
Inseparably joined in heart,
The friends of Jesus are."

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Association met. The 19th Psalm was read by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother A. B. Alderman.

The names of delegates were called, and minutes of Saturday read.

The committee appointed last session to adjust the difficulties in the Riley's Creek Church, reported. The report was received and adopted. C.

The committee charged with the selection of Trustees for the Chowan Institute, recommended W. P. Biddle, J. C. Stevenson, C. C. Oats, A. Brown, G. W. Hufham, B Oliver, Wm. Smith, J. L. Boykin, Lewis Highsmith, John Dawson, G. R. French, and Amos Herring. They were approved.

The committee on Executive Nomination submitted the names of the following Brethren, who were approved, and recognized the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, Wm. Smith, D. Jones, J. D. Carroll, J. L. Boykin, and C. C. Oats.

The following reports were received, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Report on Treasurer's Accounts. See Appendix D.
Report on Ordination. " " E.
Report on Finance. " " F.
Report on Sabbath Schools. " " G.
Report on Correspondence. " " H.
Report on Temperance. " " I.
Report on State Convention. " " J.

Report on Ministerial Education. Referred to committee on same subject, to report next session.

Report on Southern Publication Society. " K.
Report on Foreign Missions. " L.

On motion of Brother Hufham, the following was unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, We have learned that Brother James McDaniel designs publishing a Religious Newspaper in the town of Wilmington,

to be entitled "THE RELIGIOUS & GENERAL INTELLIGENCER," therefore

Resolved, That we recommend said paper to the patronage and support of this Association.

The collection taken up on Sabbath was ordered to be appropriated to the support of the Itineracy.

By application to C. D. Ellis, at Wilmington, or J. C. Stevenson, at Newbern, Sabbath School Books may be obtained at a very small outlay.

The clerks of the Churches composing this Association, are requested to return the number of white and colored members seperately in their letters to this body, in compliance with the resolution passed at our last session.

Appointed as our corresponding representatives.

To the Advisory Council—H. R. Kornegay, W. P. Biddle, John Dawson, Wm. Smith, G. W. Wallace, N. Askew, L. F. Williams, D. Jones and J. D. Elwell.

To the Cape Fear Association—C. C. Gorden, G. W. Wallace, J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, B. Oliver, A. B. Alderman, J. L. Boykin, L. Carroll, I. Peterson and D. S. Mathis.

To the Chowa n Association—J. M. C. Breaker, L. F. Williams, W. P. Biddle, N. Askew, J. C. Stevenson, Z. Slade, Wm. Fryar, C. D. Ellis and C. Smith.

To the Raleigh Association—F. B. Millard, Wm. Smith, M. C. Blunt, C. C. Oats, A. B. Alderman, L. F. Williams, A. Brown, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. Hines, J. L. Boykin, H. Boykin, J. McDaniel, R. Newton, G. W. Wallace, J. D. Elwell, D. Jones, N. Askew and J. M. C. Braker.

On motion by N. Askew, to amend the 11th article of our Constitution, the subject was referred to a committee of three, to report at our next session, viz: G. W. Hufham, W. P. Biddle and J. M. C. Breaker.

On motion by bro. Hufham,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report at the next session of this Association upon the propriety of establishing a missionary station at Jerusalem. Committee, G. W. Hufham, C. C. Gorden, J. M. C. Breaker, M. R. Fory and J. McDaniel.

Bro. J. M. C. Breaker, was appointed to write the letter of correspondence to sister Associations.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of these minutes be printed for distribution.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed $25 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for their hospitality and the liberal manner in which they have entertained this body.

Bro. McDaniel was appointed to write the letter to the State Convention.

On motion, bro. Hufham was appointed to prepare a suitable obituary notice of our beloved bro. H. E. Royal, in connection with an ex-

pression of our feelings towards, and estimate of, our bro. Jas. Carroll, who has recently removed from amongst us, and that the same be printed with these minutes and forwarded to the living, and to the friends of the dead.

Bro. Biddle made a few very appropriate and solemn remarks and prayer. The Association then adjourned with praise and the benediction by the Moderator.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Moderator.*

D. CASHWELL, *Secretary.*

CATALOGUE OF MINISTERS

In the Union Association, and the Post Offices. The names of the Licentiates appear in *Italics.*

JAMES McDANIEL, Wilmington.
GEO. FENNELL, Harrell's Store.
DAVID WELLS, " "
ILAAC W. WELLS, Teachy's Depot.
JESSER ROGERS, Owensville.
A. P. BRINSON, "
P. RACKLEY, Clinton.
A. B. ALDERMAN, "
J. D. ELWELL, Washington.
GEO. W. HUFHAM, Faison's Depot.
GEO. W. WALLACE, Bear Branch.
L. F. WILLIAMS, Spring Vail.
N. ASKEW, Kingston.
WILLIAM P. BIDDLE, Newbern.
J. M. C. BREAKER, "
W. B. RHEN, Jacksonville.
C. C. GORDEN,
H. R. KORNEGAY, Kenansville.
W. M. Kennedy, "
J. Guy, Warsaw.
A. Guy, "
— Newton,
H. WOODWARD, Fayetteville.

A TABLE,

Showing the names of Counties, Churches, Delegates, Pastors, Baptisms for the year, Number received by Letter, Restored, by Experience, Dismissed by Letter, Excluded, Died, Number of White, Number of Colored, Total, Amount Contributed, Time of Meetings, Post Offices.

COUNTIES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Rec. by let'r	Restored.	Experience.	Dis. by let'r.	Excluded.	Died.	White.	Colored.	Total.	Fund.	Association	Fund.	Itinerant	Home Mission.	Bible Soc'y.	Pledged to next Ass'n.	African Mission.	Education.	Mission.	Foreign	MEETINGS.	POST OFFICES.
New Hanover.	Wilmington,	J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, D. Cashwell,	Elder J. McDaniel,	53	12	3	1	1	2	2	174	94	268	5	00	42	02						8	18	Each Sabbath,	Wilmington, N. C.
	Mt. Holly,	L. Carroll, M. Lamb, Lott Croom,	" A. B. Alderman,	3						2	35	8	43	2	00		50								Not stated,	South Washington,
"	Moore's Creek,	J. F. Croom, James Herring, C. P. Moore,	" Geo. Fennell,	4	1	3			8		95	33	128	3	37	2	00	2	00	2	00		2	00	1	00	4th Sab. Mc'h, June, Sep., December,	Long Creek,
"	Olive Branch,	N. Stanaland, S. B. Thain, S. S. Mints,	" A. B. Alderman,								34	8	42	1	00	1	00	2	00							Wilmington,
"	Bethlehem,	Not Represented. No. as in 1846,											85													
"	Marshall's,	G. W. Marshall, J. M. Flinn,	" A. B. Alderman,	1				1	3	1	35	4	39	2	05										1st Sabbath in each month,	Long Creek,
"	Lebanon,	C. B. Corbett, Joseph Stringfield,	" Geo. Fennell,					1	2		41	20	61	1	50	8	13		4	56				1	50	January, April, July, and October,	Harrell's Store,
"	Well's Chapel,	L. Highsmith, N. Highsmith, D. Wells,	" Geo. Fennell,	2					4	3	103	51	154	3	30	10	36	3	25	4	45		2	00	4	37	2d Sab. in Oct. Jan, April, and July.	Harrell's Store,
"	Riley's Creek,	H. W. Taylor, T. Swinson,	" A. B. Alderman,					7					16	1	00										1st Sab. and Sat. before, in each mo.	Long Creek,
Sampson.	Bethel,	A. B. Alderman, R. Newton, W. Friar,	" David Wells.							1	67	12	79	3	45	5	98								Feb. May, Aug. and November,	
"	Lisbon,	A. M. Blackburn, A. Herring, H. Herring,	" Geo. Fennell,		1				4	2	59	3	62	2	70	2	55	2	50						Nov. Feb. May, and August,	Lisbon,
"	Mt. Gilead,	John Vann, D. S. Mathis, D. A. Powell,	" S. Senter,	6	13	1	3	1			52	6	58	1	50										March, June, Sept. and December,	Clinton,
"	New Hope,	L. Carroll, C. C. Oats, R. M. Rakley,	" J. Howell,	2	4			3	1	1	107	28	135	4	30										2nd Sabbath in each month,	Warsaw,
"	Roan,	W. Peterson, O. Williamson, J. E. Falkner,	" S. Senter,	7			1	9		2	71	12	83	2	00											Clinton,
"	Boykin's Chapel,	J. L. Boykin, E. Peterson, R. Boykin,	" S. Senter,	1	1		1	3	3	2	69	64	133	2	00	15	12								2d Sab. in Nov. Feb. May, and Aug.	Clinton,
"	White Oak,	W. Vann, H. Bennett, N. Vann,	" S. Senter,	11					1	1	40	7	47	1	50	4	05									Owensville,
"	Pleasant Springs,	J. Rogers, Jr., N. Hall, D. Rogers,	" J. Rogers,	4					2	1	49		49	1	00										Feb. May, August, and November,	Lisbon,
"	Fork M. H.	L. Rich, W. D. Peterson, J. B. Highsmith,	" S. Senter,						3		26	11	37	1	00										3 times a year,	Owensville,
"	Pleasant Union,	U. Underwood, H. Woodward, A. Hall,	" J. Rogers,		1					6	93	6	99	2	00										Sep. Dec. March, and June,	Owensville,
"	Salem,	J. Butler, T. Underwood, J. A. R. Howard,	" J. Rogers,	1					12	2	1	61	10	71	1	50	5	00									Clinton,
"	Brown's M. H.	A. Brown, H. Fort, A. Hobos,	" H. McAlpin,						4		3			63	1	50						1	35		9	05	4th Sab. in Jan. April, July, and Oct.	
"	Beulah,	F. B. Millard, M. C. Blunt, L. F. Williams,	" G. W. Hufham,	1		1			3	2	3	67	8	75	3	30										March, June, Sept. and January,	Spring Vail,
"	Piney Grove,	A. King, James King, J. Hines,	" H. McAlpin,						1	2	2	36	16	52	1	75									7	00	2d Sabbath in each month,	Piney Grove,
"	Piney Green,	O. Royal, *H Kennedy*, J. Belch,	" S. Senter,	7	3		1		1	1	63		63	2	00												Not given,
	Mt. Zion,	Samuel Andres, J. O. Andres, G. Russ,	" D. B. Ayres,	7					2	1	26	17	43	1	00	5	00										Bear Branch,
Bladen.	Thunder Swamp,	G. W. Wallace, A. Flowers, K. Power,	" L. F. Williams,		1				1	2	31	20	51	1	50										Sept. January, April, and July,	
Wayne.	Falling Creek,	John Cox, W. R. Parker, W. Smith,	" G. W. Wallace,	2	3				1		17	1	18	2	00											Goldsboro',
"	Goldsboro',	Not Represented. No. as in 1846,											25													Bear Branch,
"	Bear Marsh,	B. Oliver, J. W. Millard, F. O. Wilson,	" G. W. Wallace,						1	3			173	3	00	16	25			$20					1st Sabbath in each month.	Warsaw,
Duplin.	Johnson's M. H.	A. W. Carlton, Geo. S. Best, J. L. Carlton,	" J. Howell,	11	2				4	3	2	141	81	222	3	55					10						Kenansville,
"	Kenansville,	G. W. Hufham, H. Moore, H. R. Kornegay,	" G. W. Hufham,	2	1				10		1	63	60	123	3	00									January, April, July, and October,	Kenansville,
"	Beaverdam,	J. D. Carroll, L. G. Bass, J. Strickland,	" G. W. Hufham,		1					1	1	63	36	99	3	00	5	00						6	43	3d Sabbath in May, and November,	Strickland's,
"	Concord,	John W. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, H. B. Wells,	" Geo. Fennell,	2		2		2	2	2	4	101	20	121	3	75	10	00	6	44						Feb. May, August, and November,	Teachy's,
"	Berea,	S. Stallings, H. Murray, F. Savage,	None.							1	2	33	7	40	2	00	1	00								March, June, September, and Dec.	Kenansville.
"	Island Creek,	A. KillPatrick, B. Cavenough, J. Cavenough,	None.										63	2	00												Trenton,
	Piney Grove,	C. C. Gorden, F. Merrit, A. Whitley,	" C. C. Gorden,	11	5							52	18	70	1	00	3	00									
Jones.	Brice's Creek,	By Letter,	" C. C. Gorden,						7	3	4			30													Newbern,
Craven.	Newbern,	J. M. C. Breaker, J. C. Stevenson, Z. Slade,	" J. M. C. Breaker,	2	4		1	1	2	1	4	98	22	120	3	00	17	00			$54	*		$10	18	00	Every Sabbath,	Pantigo,
"	Concord,	J. Jones, W. R. Wright,	" J. Utley,	1	13			1		1	1	38	1	39	1	00	1	90							60	2d Sabbath in each month,	Washington,
Beaufort.	Washington,	J. D. Elwell, D. Legate, W. Cooper,	" J. D. Elwell,	5	2			3		2	4		63	112	2	00											Jarret's Bay,
"	Warren's M. H.	By Letter,	" C. C. Gorden,					6						68	1	00											Greenville,
	Parker's Chapel,	A. G. Jordan, J. Utley,	" J. Utley,						4			16	5	21		56											Greenville,
Pitt.	Greenville,	Not Represented. No. as in 1846.												39													
"	Hancock's,	J. W. Dawson, J. C. C. Jenkins W. H. Smith,	" J. D. Elwell,	37					3	2				84	2	00											
"	Harriet's Chapel,	W. P. Biddle, D. Jones, N. Askew,	" W. P. Biddle,	1	1				3	2	8	44	11	55	3	00	5	00								4th Sab. Jan. April, July, and Oct.	Kingston,
Lenoir.	Richland's Chapel,	Not Represented. No. as in 1846,												14													
Onslow.	Bay M. H.	" " " " " "												20													
														3593	89	02	160	86	1619	1101	8400	1	35	1400	56	12	Convention.

* Paid to Wm. Jones, Agent of the

DIGEST FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Wilmington.—A most happy, and encouraging state of things exists in this Church. They have been signally and graciously blessed, and many have been added to her fellowship by baptism.

Mt. Holly.—"We feel that we have cause to rejoice and bless God for his manifest goodness towards us—though our additions have been small, we feel that it is the work of the Lord."

Moore's Creek.—They say "our congregations are large and attentive, and from the present indications, we begin to indulge the hope that a better day is not far distant."

Riley's Creek.—"We rejoice in the happiness of peace once more."

Olive Branch.—This Church was received into the Association under favorable auspices.

Marshall's.—"We have had good and attentive congregations, and some very encouraging meetings."

Lebanon.—This Church has had but few added to her number—"we are all in peace."

Bethel.—They complain of coldness, but say, "we are at peace."

Well's Chapel.—"Have had no large additions this year."

Mt. Zion.—"We have peace among us, and a few added to our Church by baptism."

Lisbon.—"We are all in fellowship with each other, but we are cold in matters of religion."

Mt. Gillead.—The number received show favorably for the prosperity of this Church. May Heaven's blessings attend her.

New Hope.—"Are at peace. We desire an interest in your prayers."

Rowan.—They have had some accessions by baptism during the year, and desire the prayers of their brethren for an increased interest.

Boykin's Chapel.—"We have to lament our indifference to the great truths of the gospel, though, thank the Lord, there seems to be union."

White Oak.—"Our hearts have been made to rejoice since we last addressed you. The Lord has poured out his Spirit and blessing upon us, and we hope he will continue the good work."

Pleasant Springs.—"We regret that we have nothing cheering to communicate. Coldness has prevailed."

Fork M. H.—"We have a cold and wintry season."

Pleasant Union.—They have had no accessions this year.

Salem.—"We are all in peace, but appear to be in a luke-warm condition. Dear brethren, pray for us."

Brown's M. H.—They complain of too much coldness, but express a desire that the Lord may warm and revive them.

Beulah.—This Church complain of difficulties, which they fear have injured their Spirituality as a Church.

Piney Grove—Sampson County.—They have no good intelligence to communicate, but solicits an interest in the prayers of this body.

Thunder Swamp.—"We wish when you are at a throne of grace, you would remember us."

Piney Green.—Their condition good—their accessions, though not unusually large, are such as to encourage them.

Falling Creek.—A good state of things exist in this Church—a goodly number has been added to her fellowship this year.

Johnson's M. H.—"We have enjoyed a happy year."

Bear Marsh.—"During the present year, none have been added to the Church by letter or baptism."

Kenansville.—The accessions to this Church are small for the present year—they mourn the loss of bro. Jas. Carroll, who has recently removed from among them.

Beaverdam.—Nothing of interest from this Church.

Concord.—They "hope for better times." Their accessions have been small.

Island Creek.—Our congregations have been large and attentive, but at present we are without a Pastor. Bro. Stallings their former Pastor is dead.

Piney Grove—Jones County.—The number received by baptism and letter show favorably.

Brice's Creek.—They speak of a declining state, in which they say they have been for three or four years. *May* God *revive them.*

Newbern.—"We are happy to inform you, that by the blessing of God, we continue to enjoy our usual measure of prosperity."

Concord—Beaufort County.—This Church appeals to the Association for ministerial labor.

Washington.—They have had some added.

Warren's M. H.—This Church expresses an increased interest in the prosperity of Zion.

Hancock's.—This Church has been graciously and wonderfully blessed this year. May they continue to enjoy the presence of the Lord.

Harriet's Chapel.—"Although we are faithfully served by an efficient ministry, yet, we have to acknowledge with shame and regret, that we are in a cold and languishing condition."

Berea.—"May the Lord remember us in mercy."

APPENDIX.

A.

To the Union Baptist Association:

It becomes our duty to submit to you an account of our doings. At the adjournment of the Association we agreed to hold our meetings quarterly, and that the first should be held at Bear Marsh Meeting House, on the 18th of November, 1848. When the time arrived, through the great inclemency of the weather, but few attended. The business transacted was merely preparatory to a subsequent meeting, which it was agreed should be held at Riley's Creek Meeting House, on the 27th of January, 1849. A sub-committee was appointed consisting of one brother from each Church who should exert himself to collect funds for the Board, and report to the Association at the next session. A special invitation was extended to the Ministers and Members to attend the Executive Committee meetings, with the view to awaken, if possible, deeper and more general interest in the Missionary cause. Each Missionary of the Board was requested to make a quarterly report at the meeting of the Committee. Such is a summary of the preparatory business done at the first meeting.

At the second in January, there was a good attendance. The appointment of Brother Jacob Utley, as Missionary, who had prior to the first meeting been engaged by the Chairman, Brother H. E. Royal, at $15 per month, was confirmed. He reported that he had preached 63 sermons, baptized 10, administered the Lord's Supper twice, collected $28,20, and paid out $4,10. At this meeting his salary was increased to $17,50 per month. His salary was settled up to the 27th of January.

The committee being invited to aid in the adjustment of the difficulty with the Riley's Creek Church, accepted the invitation, and co-operated with the committee appointed by the Association to that special business. And the difficulty being adjusted, in view of the great need of Pastoral service, the committee suggested to the Church, the expediency of securing the services of bro. A. B. Alderman.

The next meeting it was agreed should be held at the Mount Holy meeting House, on Saturday preceeding the 5th Sabbath in April.

That meeting was well attended. The following Report was received from bro. Utley, viz: That he had preached 38 sermons, baptised 4, ad-

ministered the Lord's Supper twice, attended 3 conferences, assisted in the Ordination of 3 Deacons, collected $6, and expended $1.

The Chairman was requested to open a correspondence with bro. Dodson, with the view to obtain, if practicable, his services as Missionary in the bounds of the Union Association. It was ascertained that previous engagements would prevent him from engaging in this field the present year, but there was a probability that he might be induced to engage in it, the ensuing year, if desired.

Through the exertion of the Committee, a Sabbath School was organized in the Mount Holly Church, which is now in a flourishing condition. They also assisted the Church in some diciplinary business, which has had a very good effect, and the Church has been considerably improved since the meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Concord Meeting House, on Saturday before the 5th, Sabbath in July.

At said meeting, there was a good attendance. Bro. Utley reported that he had preached 52 sermons, received to Baptism 14, received 3 from the Free-will Baptist Denomination, administered the Lord's Supper 3 times, collected $16,25, expended $2,25.

The following Brethren were appointed Missionaries for the remainder of the year, viz. G. W. Wallace, Wm. M. Kennedy, R. Newton, and N. Askew, as a volunteer. None fulfilled their appointment save bro. Askew. He preached to 12 Churches in the Association, to each of which he gave a two days meeting, excepting 5. As a general thing, there were large congregations in attendance at each place, on Sabbath; and an increased interest in the Missionary cause. Received to Baptism at Falling Creek 4, and 10 were received at White Oak Church, during a meeting at which he attended, and he assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper 3 times.

The committee were requested by the Berea Church to aid them in disciplinary business, which was complied with. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at the house of bro. Vann, on Thursday evening preceeding the Session of the Association.

At said meeting there was an unusually full attendance. Bro. Utley reported that he had preached 47 sermons, received 6, administered the Lord's Supper twice, collected $28,41, expended $2,55. He states that the work in Beaufort, Carterett, and Wayne counties is very interesting; in Pitt and Jones, not so encouraging; in Craven a good interest is felt; in Lenoir, New Hanover and Green, the prospects very encouraging. In all of these counties, laborers are much needed, and greatly desired by the people.

During the Associational year, bro. Utley has preached in all 200 Sermons, received in all 43 persons, collected in all $79,16, expended $9,60.

Bro. Askew, who acted as a voluntary Missionary, was fully sustained by the Churches to which he ministered during the year.

An examination into the spiritual wants of the people within the bounds of the Association, has the more deeply impressed the Committee with the conviction that a great, and increased exertion in this department is demanded, and instead of relaxing their energies, they feel determined to put forth the might which they possess, in this great work. They know that what is to be done by them, must be done soon, for the night cometh when no man can work. They hope that some vigorous efforts in this cause may be made at the present Session. The original plan, as adopted by the Association three years ago, if fully carried out, is as good as any, the committee have been able to discover; and hence they support no other.

We cannot close this Report, without expressing the deep sorrow we feel at the Death of our much beloved, and very faithful chairman, bro. H. E. Royal. But we doubt not that our loss is his gain, and we cherish for his memory an affectionate remembrance.

HENRY MOORE, Ch'n, pro tem.

C.

The Committee appointed by the Association to investigate the difficulties in the Riley's Creek Church, respectfully report, that they met with the Church on the 27th of January last, in connection with the Executive Committee who aided them in the investigation.

Your Committee find that, under the influence of James L. Warren, a few members had seceded from the Church, and connected themselves with a new organization, called the Indian Spring Association; that they, the seceders, had assumed to themselves the authority of pronouncing expulsion upon some who would not consent to join the Warren function, and claimed to be the Riley's Creek Church, under the aforesaid new organization.

After a full and thorough examination of the case, your Committee, in connection with the Executive Committee as before stated, unanimously adopted the following, which they now present for your consideration and approval, viz:

WHEREAS, From the Church Records and other testimony fully satisfactory, it is evident that much the larger portion of the Riley's Creek Church desired to continue their connection with the Union Baptist Association, and that they deprecate any and every proceedure calculated to disturb her peace and fellowship. The Committee recommend, therefore, that they be, and are hereby fully restored to the confidence and fellowship of the Association, as the Riley's Creek regular Baptist Church.

Your Committee recommend further, that the few who have followed Warren in his course of disorder, shall be regarded as schismatic in their conduct, and as seceders from the regular faith, and that they shall be denied all the privileges of members until they shall make suitable acknowledgments and seek restoration in the proper manner. All which, if they fail to do before the next session of our Association, 1850, the Riley's Creek Church be instructed that her duty will be to expel them in the regular order.

It is understood that the foregoing recommendations in reference to Warren's followers, are to apply, in all their force to himself.

In conclusion, your Committee take pleasure in stating that the Riley's Creek Church has enjoyed peace and harmony since the settlement of their difficulties in January, and that the prospects of her future usefulness are encouraging. Brother A. B. Alderman is their Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

LABAN CARROLL, Ch'n.

J.

Report of the Committee on Delegation to the State Convention.

After examination they find the Association entitled to 30 Delegates, of which the Newbern Church is entitled to 9, Harriet's Chapel to 4, Wilmington

1, Lisbon 2. We proceed to recommend the following Brethren, to wit: J. C. Breaker, Z. Slade, James Stevenson, J. M. C. Brinson, Elijah Clark, C. F. Simpson, C. Dudley, James Handcock, Rev. Wm. P. Biddle, D. Jones, Samuel S. Biddle, N. Askew, S. B. Carraway, Rev. J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, Richard Herring, A. M. Blackburn, Rev. Geo. Fennell, David Wells, L. Highsmith, Geo. W. Hufham, G. W. Wallace, B. Oliver, F. B. Miller, Wm. M. Kennedy, A. B. Alderman, H. R. Kornegay, Wm. Smith, A. Brown, M. J. Taylor, G. R. French, Joel Hines.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB UTLEY, Ch'n.

D.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the Associational year ending 5th October, 1849, have attended to that duty and find from the proper vouchers, the following to be correct, to wit:

Rec'd for Itineracy (in Treasury at close of last session,)		$94,22	
" " "	From Finance Committee	40,70	
" " "	Sabbath collection appropriated,	31,92	
" " "	From Mt. Holly Church,	5,50	
" " "	" Beaverdam "	5,00	
" " "	" Kenansville "	10,00	
" " "	" Concord "	6,52	
" " "	" A. Guy,	2,50	
" " "	" S. Guy,	50	
" " "	Collected by Brother Utley,	74,66	
		——	$271,52
" "	Association fund from the Churches,	$82,70	
" "	State Convention,	4,50	
" "	Southern Convention,	4,00	
" "	Education,	1,00	
" "	Foreign Mission,	34,00	
" "	Union Bible Society,	12,35	
" "	Bro. Yates, collected at last session,	32,08	
		——	$170,63
			$442,15

DISBURSED.

Paid Clerk for his services,	$25,00	
" for Printing Minutes,	80,00	
" Bro. Utley for Missionary services,	200,10	
	——	$305,10
" to Bro. Boykin for State Convention,		
Amount collected for Bro. Yates, for Bibles and Tracts,	33,08	
Brother White for Foreign Mission,	31,10	
Home Mission,	39,50	
	——	102,68
Paid to J. Howell, by order of Association,		15,00
Ballance carried to new account,		19,37
		$442,15

N. B. It will be seen by reference to the above account, that the Association fund is in debt $22,30, which taken from $89,02, the amount received for that fund this year, will leave only $66,72, which amount will not be sufficient te meet the expenses of Clerk's fees and printing the Minutes for the present year. The deficit of $22,30 in the expense account of last year was supplied from the Itinerant fund, as it will have to be this year, unless some provision is made for it. It will be necessary, therefore, that the Churches make ample provision at our next session, for the liquidation of this debt, as well as for meeting future contingencies.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. ELLIS, Ch'n.

F.

Your Committee of Finance ask leave to report the following:

We have received at this session,

For Association Fund,	$89,03	
" Itinerant "	160,86	
" Foreign Missions,	56,13	
" Home "	16.19	
" Southern Convention	11,01	
" Union Bible Society,	8,01	
" Education,	14,00	
" African Mission,	1,35	
Sabbath collection,	23,46	
		$380,04

For which the following is the Treasurer's receipt.

Received from your Committee of Finance Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Four Cents. Oct. 8th, 1849. HENRY MOORE, Treas'r.

The Church at Newbern paid to Bro. W. Jones, Ag't for the State Convention,	$54,00	
Balance received by Bro. Jones as Agent,	170,00	
		$224,00

Pledged to be paid at our next Session.

By the Bear Marsh Church,	$20,00	
" " Kenansville Church,	10,00	
		$30,00

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. OATS, Ch'n.

E.

The Committee on Ordination, ask leave to report as follows:

On Saturday, we conversed freely with our Brother Kornegay, and think he is a worthy Brother. And hoping that he will study to shew himself approved unto God and his Brethren, have recommended that he be ordained to the sacred work of the Ministry.

Also, we have examined our Brother Kennedy, and think he should be ordained, yet considering his youth, think he ought to be encouraged and aided to prosecute his studies in the most elligible way, and the most likely to ensure success in the holy calling.

We next examined our Brother Guy, and find from his own statement, that his literary attainments are very limited, and that his circumstances are limited. He is a poor man having to labor for the support of himself and wife and five children. We trust he is a man sent of God to preach his gospel, and if the Brethren place any value upon, and derive any benefit from his Ministry, they will surely feel it a duty and find the means to relieve his necessities and enable him to study the blessed scriptures and other books. We are satisfied with him, only we think it would be well for him to devote himself to reading and study.

We then examined our Brother Newton, and approve of him, and think he may be admitted to ordination whenever his Church desires it; yet, considering his youth and the progress he has already made in learning, earnestly recommend that he be aided by the Brethren to prosecute an extended course of study.

We also recommend that the Association appoint a Presbytery to meet with the Church and examine our Brother Alford Guy, preparatory to his ordination, and that if he is approved of, he be ordained, and set apart to the Gospel Ministry.

We have been pressed for time in making out this Report, yet have great satisfaction in saying that upon a careful investigation of the state and qualifications of the candidates above named, we cheerfully recommend that they be ordained as before intimated—all in and with the Churches to which they belong; except Brother Kornegay, who, to meet the wishes of his Church, we have presented for ordination at this Association. And we would affectionately remind the Churches and congregations that there are great duties and responsibilities resting with them in regard to the individuals before named, which God will regard with jealous care, according to the rule laid down by him in his own sacred word.

May God bless these soldiers of the cross, and make them burning lights, and successful Ministers in their day and generation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. BIDDLE, Ch'n.

H.

The committee on correspondence beg leave to report the following:

Dear Brethren owing to your committee being unable to procure any of the Minutes from the corresponding bodies, their report must necessarily be very meagre and lame. But the following we obtain from the letters, first, from the Advisory Council. They relate nothing of importance, but seem to desire to promote that feeling of love and union with us that has heretofore existed. From the Raleigh Association, there is nothing of importance, but we judge from their certificate that they desire to continue their former correspondence. From the Chowan Association, there is pleasing intelligence to communicate; they seem to be engaged in the great work of Salvation. During the year ending May, 1849, they have baptized 1000 persons, they also seem to be deeply interested in all the liberal institutions of the day, such as Sabbath Schools, Missions, Temperance, Tract distribution, and Education of both Male and Female. May the Lord still prosper them. The only grief in their letter is that they received no voice from this body at their last session. From the Cape Fear Association, there is not much

of interest, yet while they complain of coldness and apathy in some of their Churches they seem to rejoice at the gracious outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord; in others they seem to have progressed slowly. From their letter, they earnestly desire that union of feeling may be perpetuated and the correspondence continued that now exist between the two bodies. Dear Brethren, we hope you will excuse the imperfections of our report, owing to our limited means and information which we now humbly submit.

C. C. GORDEN, Ch'n.

B.

The Committee to whom was refered the letters from the Church at Newbern, Report: That they have had the subject refered to them, under their prayerful consideration in company with the several delegates from that Church, and are happy to state, that the difficulties that existed in the case have been removed and harmony restored between the parties, by the delegates mutually consenting to the following proprositions and recommendations of the committee, viz:

1st. The Records of the Church book, as found on page 267, and bearing date Aug. 5th, 1849, shall be amended, so as that the first Resolution appearing in that Record, shall read as follows, viz:

"*Resolved*, That as a Baptist Church of Christ, we have no right to adopany written creed or confession of Faith as a test of membership, but the Bible." *But this Resolution is not to be construed so as to deny to the Church the right of adopting and retaining a summary of the Doctrines held and believed by the Church, and as warranted by the Scriptures.*

2nd. It being understood, that the Baptist Church at Newbern, has adopted as her summary of Doctrines, or articles of Faith, the articles adopted by the Baptist State Convention of New Hampshire, which articles are published in the Enc. of Religious knowledge, under the head of the article "Baptists," the aforesaid articles shall be transcribed and recorded upon the pages of the Church Book of the said Baptist Church at Newbern, N. C.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption, by the Association, of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the two letters received by the Association from the Church at Newbern, by the respective delegates, be regarded as one letter, and that the delegates present, Brethren J. M. C. Breaker, Z. Slade, and J. C. Stevenson, be received as the representatives of the Church at Newbern.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. P. BIDDLE, Ch'n.

I.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following:

Temperance is a subject, which has for a quarter of a century, or more, engaged the attention and support of all who have had the interests of mankind most at heart. Its advocates and defenders have not been confined exclusively to religious sects. The friend of the unfortunate—the philanthropist of every name, has promptly put forth his hand, and generously contributed of his time, talents and means, to raise to respectability and usefulness,

his fellow from the degradation to which intemperance may have reduced him. For the laudable purpose of human benefaction, societies and organizations, of different orders, have been established in our towns, and villages; and thousands have been the blessings awarded them by those who have been reclaimed and made happy through their instrumentality. If individuals, and societies uninfluenced by the principles and promptings of our holy religion, enjoy so great a luxury in performing acts of charity, how much more should *we* who profess to have tasted the good word of life, esteem it a privilege to engage in offices of love and mercy to those, who, by *our* influence and instumentality might be redeemed from shame and disgrace while living, and perhaps, from the pains of the *death that never dies!*

In view of the importance of the subject under consideration, your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Association earnestly admonish all her Churches, and members, to discountenance the use of all spirituous, or intoxicating beverages, in every form, except for medicinal or Sacramental purposes.

Respectfully, J. D. ELWELL, Ch'n.

G.
REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make the following brief Report: Feeling the importance of the subject before them, the committee regret the short time allowed them and the disadvantageous circumstances they labour under, in attending to the duty assigned them.

Your committee, however, deem it unnecessary now to attempt any arguments in vindication of Sabbath Schools, as a christian enterprize, or in support of their utility as an auxiliary of the Church. They are happy in knowing, that this institution, as one devised by the wisdom and liberality of the children of light, receives the avowed approval of your body.—While this is the case, it is too apparant that this worthy object, has not, as yet, obtained that efficient and practical attention, from our Churches generally, to which its importance entitles it. Your committee are pleased however, in being able to refer to some honorable exceptions in the application of this remark. Several of your Churches, we learn from their letters, have acted with a commendable degree of promptness, upon the recommendation of the last report to your body on this subject, by giving increased attention to it. Your committee point to these examples, not only with pleasure, but for the purpose of stimulating others to emulate them; and we cannot but express the hope, that, at your next annual Session, you will receive from *all* your Churches the cheering evidences of a still greater increase of practical attention to this important subject.

Your committee are aware of the peculiar difficulties which attend the establishment and support of Sabbath Schools with our country Churches; but have we not the evidence, in the examples already referred to, as well as in many others, that this good work is not only practicable, but is sure of success, under the persevering and well directed efforts of those who would, in this field of benevolent entesprise, labor for God.

Your committee, therefore, recommend for your adoption, the following Resolution:

Resolved, That this Association is deeply impressed with the value of Sabbath Schools as benevolent and christian institutions, and recommends to all its Churches to engage *immediately*, in determined and persevering efforts for their establishment and to report particularly on this subject, in their respective letters to this body at its next annual Session, what has been done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. STEVENSON, Ch'n.

The committee appointed to prepare a notice of the death of Bro. Royal, and of the removal of Bro. James Carroll, present the following:

This Association has heard of the death of our beloved Brother H. E. ROYAL, of the county of Sampson, with unfeigned sorrow. He departed this life on the 30th August last, aged about 31 years. He was a useful and exemplary member of the Church at Brown's M. H., and filled the important station of Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association up to the time of his death, with dignity and remarkable efficiency.

In view of the loss sustained by our denomination, as well as by his surviving family and friends, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association bow in humble submission to the will of him, whose providences are inscrutable, and whose ways are past finding out; and that, by the summons which has called from his labors below, as we trust, to his glorious rest above, of one who we loved so well, we are brought to realize, in some measure, the force and appropriateness of the divine admonition, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh."

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother JAMES CARROLL, and family, formerly of Kenansville, have removed to the State of Georgia; we therefore, affectionately recommend them to all those to whom the providence of God may direct them, as brethren of irreproachable character, and of great moral and religious worth. Our Brother James Carroll has been a Deacon about twenty years, and has filled that sacred office with Christian zeal and usefulness. May the great Head of the Church spare him long to labor in his vineyard.

GEORGE W. HUFFHAM, Ch'n.

K.

The committee appointed to report upon the Southern Publication Society, ask leave to present the following:

From what information your Committee have been able to obtain in reference to the Society, its success, and operations, we are happy to state, for the information of our brethren and Churches who may desire to benefit themselves by the advantages which the Society presents to those who would procure good and useful Libraries on the cheapest and best terms, as well as, for the encouragement of any who may feel it a duty and a privilege to aid the Society, by their contributions, to extend its advantages still more, until all can become the recipiants of the blessings it will soon be able to diffuse if properly supported and sustained. That the Society has

already established its depositories under the direction or agencies of brethren J. J. Brantly, at Fayetteville, J. M. C. Breaker or J. C. Stevenson, at Newbern, and C. D. Ellis, at Wilmington, at either of which places, well selected Libraries for Sunday Schools or for private families can be had at very low prices.

Your committee presume that our brethren generally, see and *feel* the great importance of more extended information upon such subjects as are most intimately connected with their best interests; and surely it is not necessary in this day of Gospel light, to tell them that the interests of the soul should be regarded more highly, and dearly than any, and every other; and what it is that has made our condition better than that of the heathen, who have never enjoyed the blessings of religious information.

We close this report, therefore, with the hope, that the Society may receive the hearty support and co-operation of all the Churches and brethren of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, A. BROWN, Ch'n.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, TO THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHICH SHE CORRESPONDS:

Dear Brethren:—We rejoice in the opportunity of again expressing our desire to continue our correspondence with you. It has often been our privilege to welcome your correspondence, whether by letter or delegates, and thus to take sweet counsel together in things pertaining to our beloved Zion. We feel that both our comfort and edification in the Truth have been promoted thereby. And such we trust will long continue to be the case.

Our present condition and prospects you will learn from our corresponding delegates, and from the accompanying Minutes of this our Anniversary meeting. We are happy to say that our meeting has been a very interesting and profitable one—perhaps unusually so. Not only have great harmony and good feeling prevailed, but increased and increasing interest has been evinced upon the part of our Churches and members generally, in the promotion of our Redeemer's Kingdom, both at home and abroad. Some of our Churches have been greatly revived, and their members largely increased; while others, in this respect less favored, indicate an improving condition by an increase in their contributions and efforts for the spread of the Gospel and the conversion of sinners.

But while, on the one hand, we would rejoice and bless God for what he has enabled us to do, our rejoicings, on the other, must be mingled with penitence and prayers for forgivness, that we have not been more faithful and self-denying for Him, who, "though rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich." Oh, brethren, fellow-disciples of the same kind Leader, fellow-pilgrims to the same heavenly mansions, let us seek, with renewed energy, to tread more closely in the steps of that glorious and lovely Guide. If in his sovereign love, he has bestowed upon us gifts and graces which have been denied to others, let us, "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God," endeavor to make them the sharers of

our joys, until, not only in our own favored land, but in every nation under Heaven, not one shall be found who is a stranger to pardoning grace, or a hopeless wanderer from the peaceful fold of Jesus.

Praying the great Head of the Church may be with you, until we join the family in Heaven; we remain your brethren in the Lord.

Note.—Being anxious to furnish the Churches with these Minutes without further delay, the Secretary has had the printing done in the absence of the Report on Foreign Missions, which would have been appended had it been received in time.

ERRATA.

On 15th page, in 9th line of Report C. for *function* read *faction.*

CIRCULAR OF THE CHOWAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The next Session of the Institute will commence on the second Wednesday in October, 1849. The exercises of the Institution will be conducted by the Rev. M. R. FORY, aided by a full and competent Board of Instruction. The Institution has been recently furnished with a Chemical, Astronomical and Philosophical Apparatus, far superior to that of any similar Institution in the State, or, the adjoining States. In addition to this, the Seminary has a Library, a Reading Room, with Periodicals from different sections of the country, and a Cabinet of Minerals.

The Young Ladies have organised a Literary Society, and established a semi-monthly Periodical, which is read at the regular meetings of the Society.

In order to form habits of economy, and prevent rivalry in dress, the Board has prescribed a Uniform for Sabbaths and Holidays. For Winter, deep blue Merino, or other suitable fabric—For Summer, pink Calico, or Ginghams, and white Cambric or Muslin. The Bonnet to be Straw, dressed with blue for Winter and pink for Summer.

During school time, any dress may be worn not more expensive than the Uniform. Expensive Jewelry is not allowed to be worn by the Students. Purchases for the Young Ladies will be mane only under instructions from their Parents and Guardians.

RATES OF TUITION, PER SESSION OF FIVE MONTHS.

Primary English Branches, including Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic and Compositions,	$10 00
The above, including Natural and Moral Philosophy, Astronomy, Botany, History, Logic and Algebra,	15 00
French and Latin Languages, each $5,	10 00
Drawing, Painting and Needlework, each $4,	12 00
Music on Piano and Guitar, each $15,	30 00
For use of Instruments, each $2 50,	5 00
Lectures,	3 00
Incidentals for School Room Expenses,	1 00
Board, including Washing, Fuel and Lights, per month—one half to be paid in advance,	8 00

Board can be obtained in private families at the same rate.—It is earnestly recommended, however, that all board on the premises of the Institution, as important advantages are thus enjoyed by the Student from constant and free intercourse with the Teachers. In addition to this, attendance upon the Scientific Lectures is frequently prevented by inclement weather, in the case of those boarding in the village. The Board of Instruction will be responsible for the deportment of such Students only as Board upon the premises. It is *very important* that the Student enter at the *commencement* of the Session, as a tardiness of a few days often embarrasses the pupil throughout a whole term.

The second Session will commence on the 10th March, 1850.

For further information, apply to the Principal, or to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

G. C. MOORE, Ch'n Board Trustees.

J. PARKER, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respective churches, a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute, and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her Churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognise as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her Churches, without her prior direct or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting, and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding Officer, (or in his absence,) the Secretary shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution. shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

J. J. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH,

AT BEAR MARSH, N. C.,

OCT. 4th--7th, 1850.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members, shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator, and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro. tem. who shall open conference by devotional exercises or call on some other brother to do it for him

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book in which all the proceedidgs of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read, immediatly after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in eevery instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debateable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to subject cnder debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th ch. 16, 17, and 18th verses, and all public offences, or such as operates against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote, shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-third of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rule, to al the churches that compose this body.

J. J. Alderman

PROCEEDINGS.

Bear Marsh, Duplin County, Friday Oct. 4th 1850.

The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James McDaniel, founded on 72 Psalm 19 Verse "And let the whole earth be filled with his glory: Amen and Amen." The occasion was solemn, and deeply impressive.

After a short intermission, the delegates were called together and the 19 Psalm read by the Moderator Elder McDaniel—prayer by Elder W. P. Biddle.

Elders McAlpin and Jones were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

Brethren C. C. Oats, A. Brown and J. L. Boykin were appointed the finance committee.

The Churches were called, their letters read, and delegates enrolled.

Brethren Hufham and Wallace were appointed to superintend the election of officers. The vote was taken, ballot counted, and J. McDaniel as Moderator, D. Cashwell Clerk, and H. Moore Treasurer, declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

Elders Huhfam, Breaker, and Bro. J. D. Carroll appointed committee of arrangements.

Committee to supply the stand with preaching during the Session B. Oliver, J. Lofton, C. D. Ellis, D. Jones and J. D. Carroll.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Associaton met: 19 Psalm read by the Moderator: prayer by Bro. Jones.

Names of churches were called, and association proceeded to business.

Committee of arragements reported, and were discharged.

Elders Merriam, Uttly, Averitt, Kornegay and Williams were appointed to preach at the stand to-day.

Brethren Biddle, Miner, and Braker appointed a committee to examine petitionary letters: several were referred.

Corresponding messengers were welcomed from the following bodies, viz:

Cape Fear association: Elders H. McAlpin and D. B. Ayers.

Advisory Council: L. M. Hardy, Jas. Bartlett, W. Pipkin, C. Rouse, J. Merriam.

Chowan association: Dr. Wheeler.

Raleigh asssociation: E. Holland and John C. Averitt.

State Convention: Elder Wm. Jones, agent convention.

Committee on petitions for membership reported the following Churches which were received, viz: Snow Hill, Little Creek, Limestone and Frenches' Creek.

Committee to whom was referred the 11th article of constitution reported: report adopted and appended—marked B.

The following reports, from committies appointed at last session, were received and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions marked C.

Report on Temperance marked D.

Report on Sabbath Schools marked E.

Report on Ordination marked F.

Brethren J. Uttly, G. R. French and John A. Parker were welcomed as visiting brethren.

Brethren D. Jones, G. W. Hufham, L. Highsmith and W. P. Biddle were appointed to consider and report upon the letter from the church at Concord, Beaufort county.

The following committies appointed to report at this session.

Committee to nominate suitable persons to compose executive committee H. Moore, W. Wells, and D. Cashwell.

To write letters of correspondence to sister associations.

To Cape Fear association: J. M. C. Breaker.

To Raleigh association: H. R. Kornegay.

To Chowan association: H. Miner.

To Portsmouth association: W. P. Biddle.

To Advisory Council: G. W. Hufham.

Committee on Ordination W. P. Biddle, J. M. C. Breaker, H. Miner, G. W. Hufham, H. McAlpin, L. F. Williams, E. Holland, J. Merriam and James McDaniel.

On correspondence, S. B. Carraway, J. Wheeler and W. Pipkin.

On Treasurer's account, C. D. Ellis, J. C. Smith and J. D. Carroll.

On nomination of delegates to State convention, G. W. Wallace, J. Wood, J. Uttly and R. Newton.

Resolved that the money contributed for State convention be sent by our delegates to that body.

The report of finance committee was received, and approved—I.

Report of executive committee received, approved and appended–A.

On motion it was agreed to append a note to the executive committies' report stating the receipt of $29 87 1-2 from Elder W. P. Biddle towards the support of Missions on Bay River as a part of legacy left by Miss Tillman for that purpose.

Liberal donations were pledged by several of the churches to be paid quarterly for the support of the Itineracy in this association during the ensuing year–amounting to about $300.

Committee on executive nomination recommended brethren B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, J. D. Carroll, D. Jones, Wm. Smith and J. L. Boykin as suitable persons to compose executive committee for the ensuing year—approved.

The next session of this association was appointed to be held with the church at Little Creek, Green county, to commence at 11 o'clock on Friday preceeding first Sabbath in Oct. 1851.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Averitt.

SABBATH.

The solemn exercises of the day were opened by Elder H. Miner of Everittsville, with a Sermon, in which christian obligation was prominently set forth. Elder J. M. C. Breaker of Newbern, followed, who preached the charity Sermon according to appointment of last session. Elder Breaker urged the duty of disseminating the blessed gospel of Christ by arguments and motives conclusive and uncontrovertable

After a recess of some half hour, the congregation was addressed by that venerable Father in Israel, Elder W. P. Biddle, in a discourse, the melting interest of which, it is hoped, affected, in a solemn degree, other hearts than his own. After Father Biddle's sermon, prayer and praise were offered up to God, and the multitude was dismissed.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Association met: the 2d Psalm was read by the Moderator: prayer by Elder Wallace.

Brethren L. Carroll and G. W. Hufham were added to the executive committee.

A committee of brethren Hufham, Wallace, Biddle, Oliver and Carraway was appointed to consider and devise the best means of imparting religious instruction to the Colored population within our bounds, and to report at our next session.

A committee of brethren W P. Biddle, G. W. Wallace, G. W. Hufham, J. M. C. Breaker, Isaac Merriam and Lewis Highsmith was appointed to present and recommend articles of faith and a covenant for the adoption of the churches and association.

The subject of a Baptist Hymn Book for general use was discussed, and definite action deferred with a view of testing the merits of a Book now in course of publication in Charleston S. C. compiled by Doctor Manly.

The committee appointed for the purpose, presented articles of faith and covenant, which the association amended and approved, and do hereby earnestly recommend for the adoption of the churches, with the request, that should any objection be found to said articles, the church, or churches thus objecting, may make it known at our next session. The Moderator and Clerk are requested to send a corrected copy of the articles of faith &c. to each church for their examination.

On motion, five dollars of the money collected yesterday, was appropriated to foreign missions: the balance to domestic missions.

The report of the coumittee on Treasurer's accounts was received, and referred to the executive committee for approval.

The executive committee was authorized to select an assistant Treasurer from their own body to whom shall be entrusted the funds to be disbursed by said executive committee.

The delegates to represent this association in the Baptist State convention, are, Jas. McDaniel, G. W. Hufham, J. L. Boykin, J. M. C. Breaker, A. B. Alderman, H. R. Kornegay, D. Jones, L. F. Williams, H. Miner, C. D. Ellis, S. S. Biddle, J. Utley, G. W. Wallace, A. Guy, W. M. Kennedy, F. B. Biddle, J. Merriam and A. H. Dowell.

The committies on Jerusalem mission, support of the ministry and ministerial education, were continued, and requested to report at next session.

Committee on Ordination reported: report adopted—marked G.

The Piney Green church was dismissed, at her own request, to connect with the Raleigh association.

Report on Concord letter adopted—marked H.

Resolved that we view with favor all suitable efforts to improve the education of such brethren as give evidence that they are called of God for the work of the ministry, and that we regard Wake Forest College, established with reference to this, and as one of its most important objects, as an institution worthy of our support, therefore

Resolved, that we recommend to our brethren and the churches, to give such pecuniary aid as may be in their power, and to patronize the College by aiding and encouraging young men to avail themselves of its advantages. We are gratified to learn that means are in progress to secure the entire liquidation of its debts: and in the meantime let us aid and encourage it by our sympathy and by our prayers.

Resolved that the success that has attended the efforts of our brethren on the board of trustees of the Chowan Female Institute, affords a pleasing guarantee of the favor of God, and that we recommend the Institute to the continued confidence of our friends.

Whereas A. M. Rockwell, who has been traveling within the bounds of this association under the assumed character of a Baptist minister has spoken disparagingly of this association and individual members of it, therfore

Resolved, that we recommend the churches to close their doors, in future, against the said Rockwell.

Resolved, that the executive committee be instructed to take the proper steps to furnish their Missionaries with supplies of Bibles and other suitable books for sale distribution by them.

Brethren D. Jones, W. B. Wells and G. Fennell were appointed a committee to whom was referred the following.

Resolved 1*st* That the cause of religion as connected with this association require a settled, and well sustained ministry; and in order to their proper sustainance, we deem the erection of parsonages among the churches a matter requiring their immediate attention.

Resolved 2*d*. That to promote the erection of parsonages, we appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be to report progress

annually, untill all the churches are supplied with homes for their Pastors.

Appointed to report at next Session.

On Sabbath Schools: H. R. Kornegay, B. Oliver, *J.* D. Carroll.

On *T*emperance: G. W. Wallace, H. *M*oore, W. Friar.

On the Bible cause: J. *M.* C. Breaker, W P Biddle, A B *A*lderman.

Delegates appointed.

To *C*ape Fear association: J. D. Elwell. A. B. Alderman, *B.* Oliver, J. *M*cDaniel, G. R. French and *M. C. B*lunt.

*T*o Raleigh association: G. *W. W*allace, L. F. *W*illiams and *A. B.* Alderman.

*T*o *C*howan association: *J. M. C. B*reaker, L. F. *W*illiams and D. *C*ashwell.

*T*o Advisory *C*ouncil: *W.* P. *B*iddle, *J.* Uttly, S. *B. C*arraway, G. *W. W*allace, *L.* F. *W*illiams, H. R. Kornegay, H. *C.* Kornegay, G. *W.* Hufham, H. *M*iner, *J. M*cDaniel and D. *C*ashwell.

A committee on the subject of instructing servants was received and referred to the committee on that subject.

*T*he association requested that the "Intelligencer" should notice the death of *B*ro. *J*ohn *C*annon.

Letters to the Advsio*r*y *C*ouncil, Cape Fear association and the Raleigh association, were read, approved, and signed by the *M*oderator and Clerk.

Resolved, that our hearts have been deeply pained by the recent information of the death of the great pioneer in foreign missions, Rev. *A.* Judson D. D. *W*hile we deplore the loss of our beloved *B*ro. *J*udson. and deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow and orphans, we raise our tearful eyes in gratitude to God that his useful life was spared so long to bless the church—the world.

*T*he clerks of the churches are requested to return the number of male and female members of their churches seperately to this association—of white and colored.

Resolved, that we invite the N. C. *B*aptist State Convention to hold its next session with the church in *W*ilmington.

*B*ro. Gorden appointed to preach the introductory at our next session—*B*ro. *B*reaker altenate.

*B*ro. *W*allace appointed to preach the charity sermon on Sabbath —*B*ro. *M*iner alternate.

*T*he monies and subscriptions to aid the brethren at *B*eaufort are entrusted to *B*ro. W. P. *B*iddle, *M.* N. Fisher, *J. B*ell and W. F. *B*ell to be appropriated in purchasing a lot on which to erect a house of worship for the *B*aptist cause there

The following, by *B*ro. French, was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS liberal contributions have been made to the objects of the convention, within the bounds of the Union Association, and whereas, they need assistance to sustain their missionaries, therefore,

Resolved, *T*hat we petition the convention for aid.

Resolved. That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the kind and hospi-

tal manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, that 1500 copies of these minutes be printed for distribution among the churches.

On motion that the clerk be allowed $25—for his services, he requested that the remuneration should be reduced to $15—or less.

Committee to nominate delegates to the State Convention reported: report adopted and appended *J.*

The association adjourned at a late hour with the benediction by the moderator.

JAMES McDANIEL, *Moderator.*

D. CASHWELL, *Clerk.*

NOTE. Those committees appointed to report at this session and who were unavoidably prevented by the press of business and shortness of time to prepare, will please be in readiness at the next meeting of the Association.

CATALOGUE OF MINISTERS.

In the Union Association, and the Post Offices. The names of the Licentiates are marked thus*

JAMES McDANIEL, Wilmington.
GEO. FENNELL, Harrell's Store.
A. B. ALDERMAN, " "
DAVID WELLS, " "
ISAAC W. WELLS, Teachy's Depot.
JESSEE ROGERS, Owensville.
A. P. BRINSON, not known.
P. RACKLEY, Clinton,
J. D. ELWELL, Washington.
G. W. HUFHAM, Faison's Depot.
G. W. WALLACE, Bear Branch.
L. F. WILLIAMS, Spring Vail.
H. MINER, Goldsboro'
N. ASKEW, Kingston.
J. UTTLY, not known.
W. P. BIDDLE, Newbern.
J. M. C. BREAKER, "
W. B. RHEN, Jacksonville.
C. C. GORDEN, not known.
H. R. KORNEGAY, Kenansville.
W. M. KENNEDY, "
J. GUY, Warsaw.
A. GUY, "
R. NEWTON, not known.
H. WOODWARD, not known.
JESSEE ROGERS, JR.,* Owensville.

DIGEST FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

Wilmington. "A few have been added, but there has not been that interest manifested for the cause of Christ, and his kingdom, that becometh his followers, yet we now trust there is a growing interest, and with some little faith, we look for better times—our esteemed brother McDaniel is our pastor."

Mt. Holly.—"We feel humbled, and rejoice to say, after the many sore and afflicting difficulties we have had to contend with in our church, we trust we are enjoying that christian union and fellowship that should characterize the true followers of Christ—brother A. B. Alderman has been our pastor for the last year."

Moore's Creek.—The letter from this church, indicates a good degree of piety among their members, though few have been added to their number during the year—brother Geo. Fennell their pastor.

Olive Branch.—This church seems to enjoy a reasonable degree of the favor of God—have been blessed, under the occasional ministration of bro. A. B. Alderman, with revivals and accessions.

Bethlehem —Complain of coldness, and want of interest, additions small.

Marshall's M. H. "Have nothing encouraging. without a pastor, and no regular preaching, have a sabbath school in prosperous opperation."

Lebanon. "Coldness and indifference in matters of religion are too prevalent. We are, however, all in peace."

Well's Chapel. They have had no special interest in their church, but hope the indications are favorable to their christian prosperity.

Riley's Creek. Their communication is expressive of deep interest in the prosperity of the blessed cause of Christ the'r saviour.

Bethel. They have had none added within the year. "We are in peace."

Lisbon. Enjoy the favor of God, in the preservation of peace and union.

Mt. Gilead. Have had some unpleasantness that has caused them to mourn. "Dear brethren pray for us."

New Hope. This church desires an interest in the prayers of God's people. O that he may regard them in mercy, as in days past.

Boykin's Chapel. "Surely the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad—unto his name be all the glory." Bless his Holy name: let all the earth praise him.

White Oak. They do not enjoy a regular ministry, but have occasional preaching and express great desire to have it more frequently.

Plensant Springs. Their advantages have been few, and their accessions small—no Pastor from our association, but have had the labors of brother R. Fisher from the Cape Fear Aassociation, as Pastor.

Fork M. H. "Our prospects are about as favorable as usual."

Pleasant Union. Have no one to break to them the bread of eternal life

Salem. Their number has not been increased—say they have had to exclude some, but are now "at peace."

Brown's M. H. "We are all at peace, but it may be said as it has often been said, that we are in a cold state."

Beulah. They say "in reviewing the year now closing, we have cause to thank God and take courage."

Piney Green. "We have nothing strange to communicate—our congregations are large and attentive."

Mt. Zion. "Many prayers are lifted to God for the outpouring of his grace."

Thunder Swamp. "Brethren, we are small and feeble, will you help us? We are gratified to learn that great good has been effected by the instrumentality of the missionaries under the direction of your Executive Committee. We shall expect your prayers and your aid."

Falling Creek. "Our church is in brotherly love one with another."

Goldsboro'. The Lord has remembered us in our low and feeble state, and since the meeting of your executive committee in Dec. last we have felt more encouraged." Brethren Miner, Jones and family, affords them strong help.

Bear Marsh. "We sincerely rejoice at the prospect of your meetiug at our church. Welcome Brethren, to our houses and our hearts. We feel that we have much cause to pray, "restore unto us the joys of thy salvation."

Johnson' M H. "We have had some reviving seasons--our joys have been mingled with sorrows."

Kenansville. Though they have nothing cheering to say, they "esteem it a privilege to meet" the association in her annual session.

Beaverdam. "We are not without some grounds of encouragment to hope."

Concord. "We hope the set time to favor Zion is not far distant, and we pray Almighty God to hasten the time when we shall be revived, and sinners converted to him."

Berea. "Have regular preaching and good congregations, and rejoice in the hope that God is carrying on his work in our midst."

Island Creek. "We have large and attentive congregations to hear the word preached, and look forward for better times."

Piney Grove "The presence of the Lord has been manifestly seen and felt amongst us for the last few months."

Brice's Creek. "We are in a weak and declining state."

Newbern. "We are still blessed with the regular means of grace, and the continuance of the divine favor. We need more of the spirit of self consecration to God."

Concord, Pantigo. Their letter says· "we are with you in spirit, in christian love and fellowship."

Washington. "Dear brethren we have reason to praise God for his goodness so graciously bestowed on us during the year."

Warren's M H. The letter from this church holds out encouragements for additional exertions in missionary efforts and labor.

Parker's Chapel. They have had no preaching this year, until very recently they had a protracted meeting at which time they were blessed, and numbers were added to their fellowship.

Hancock's. Nothing of interest from this church.

Harriet's Chapel. No particular change in their condition since last year.

Little Creek, Snow Hill, Limestone and French's Creek. These four churches were received into the association at this session, under favorable and encouraging auspices.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The executive committee of the Union Baptist Association, submit the following Report of their proceedings during the associational year.

The first meeting wes held soon after the 8th of October, 1849, Bro. C D Ellis was appointed Chairman—Bro. B Oliver was appointed Secretary. Elder G W Wallace was appointed to itinerate among the old churches.

Requested the chairman to correspond with Elders R Jacks and E Dodson, for the puspose of obtaining their services within the bounds of this Association; also with Elder H Miner of New York for the purpose of obtaining his services for Waynesboro' church, and the surrounding country.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the committee be held at Goldsboro', on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in December 1849.

The next meeting was held according to appointment. It was ascertained that brother Wallace did not fulfil the appointment given him at the previous meeting. He was re-appointed to occupy chiefly the counties of Duplin, Sampson, and New Hanover. Brother Miner was appointed to Goldsboro' and the surrounding country, Brother J. Uttly was appointed to occupy Craven, Jones. Carterett, and Onslow.

Brother L. F. Williams was appointed to occupy North of Craven, and East of North Washington.

The committee were deeply impressed by the account they received at this meeting, of the need of ministerial labor in Washington, Greenville, and the intermediate country; but were unable, through lack of ministers, to supply those places.

The committee rosolved to purchase useful religious Books, to the amount of $25 for each Itinerant in their employ, to be sold at a low price, for the purpose of diffusing, good literature in the churches and communities among which they travel, and labor.

The committee requested their Itinerants to act as Agents in procuring subscribers to the "Religious and General Intelligencer," published at Wilmington, N. C., and edited by brother J. McDaniel, which paper they would warmly recommend.

The next meeting appointed to be held at Beulah, Sampson county N. C., on Friday before the 5th Lord's dav in March, 1850.

The meeting was held according to appointment.

Brother Miner reported that at Goldsboro' not much had been acomplished—at Falling Creek his congregations were large and attentive—he assisted in the organization of a church at *Snow Hill*, Greene county, at which place he baptized 2; and was quite encouraged at the prospect of success in his field of labor, which appeared to be ripening apace for a harvest.

Brother Uttly reported that after assisting in the organization of the church at Snow Hill, he went down by the way of Beaufort to the Sound, through Onslow and Jones counties where he found great destitution. He visited Beaufort, at which he found great desire for the organization of a Baptist church. The prospect of success in his field was very encouraging,—both of those brethren were re-appointed to their respective field of labor.

The committee regretted that it was not in the power of Elders Wallace

and Williams to occupy the fields assigned them. They were re-appointed to the same fields.

The committee gave encouragement to brother A. B. Alderman to continue his labors in those destiute regions in which he had been laboring, and agreed to render him sum pecuniary aid.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Greenville, on Friday, before the 5th Lord's day in June 1850.

Previous to the meetiug which was to have been held at Greenville, information was received that sickness was prevailing in that region to a considerable extent, and consequently the meeting was changed to Harriet's Chapel, at which place it was held at the appointed time.

Brother Miner reported that much of his time during the quarter, had been occupied in the removal of his family from New York. He reports large, and attentive congregations in his field of labor, to which he was reappointed.

Brother Wallace reported one month of service, in Duplin, New Hanover, and Bladen--everywhere good congregations, and encouraging prospects.

Brotner Uttly reported three months of service, in Jones, Craven, and Carterett. He has had very interesting meetings in almost every part of his field,—As the "Intelligencer" has given a detailed account of some of the most interesting of those meetings, the committee deem it unnecessary to repeat it in this report. He was re-appointed to the same field.

Brother Williams failing to fill the appointment given him, brother Guy occupied his field and reported 52 days of service. He attended a meeting of several days continuance at Washington, at which there was a great interest, also at Cedar Branch near Washington, at which there was much interest, and 6 obtained a hope, and 2 were baptized. In June assisted in constituting a church, and in the ordination of Deacon in his field of labor. He was re-appointed to the same field.

Elder Merriam was appointed to labor at Beaufort, and in the surrounding country, during the ensuing quarter.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Bear Marsh, on Thursday before the 1st Lord's day in Oct. 1850.

Met according to appointment Bro. Miner reported an increasing interest in his field of labor, and contemplates holding several protracted meetings, if continued in it. He has regularly filled all his appointments.

Bro. Guy reported good congregations throughout his field of labor. At Bethel during a meeting of 3 days continuance, 4 were baptized, a church was organized, and a Deacon ordained. His meetings were very promising.

Bro. Wallace reported a general and manifest improvement in his field of labor—one church constituted--and is greatly encouraged at the prospect.

Bro. Uttly reported a most inviting prospect in his field--and the most ardent desire manifested for preaching. The word preached was heard with gladness, and he has had the pleasure of bastizing several, and one church was dedicated, in which he assisted.

Bro. Merriam having been appointed by the committee to occupy the field in and around Beaufort, from the time of the meeting at Harriett's Chapel on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in June, until the session of the Association, reported that he entered upon the fulfillment of his appointment soon after the middle of July--that he had spent much time in religious visits, reading the Scriptures, conversation, and prayer with the people—that he had taken incipient measures for the organization of a church in Beaufort,

and the erection of an edifice for a house of worship for said church—that he had succeeded in obtaining subscriptions and pledges for the erection of the house—about $550—that the prospect there is encouraging. The committee would respectfully present the enterprize urged by brother Merriam in behalf of the feeble Band of disciples at Beaufort, to the particular attention of the Association.

The committee have had 5 missionaries in the field a part of the time, during the year, and are happy in being able to report that at no previous period, has there been such a general and great interest on the subject of religion in the bounds of the Association. They feel that they can thank God and take courage. They hope that the Association in view of the good already done, and the prospect brightening all around, will go on in the good work begun, and prosecute it with renewed and increased zeal.

C. D. ELLIS, Ch'n.

B.

Your committee appointed at last session to consider the propriety of amending, or changing the 11th article of our constitution report: that, notwithstanding the subject was agitated a year ago, we hear no dissatisfaction expressed to the article as it now stands, by any of the churches in their letters. and conclude, therefore that no change is desired by the compact who adopted it. We think constitutional changes should be made *only* when necessity requires that they should be; and, in our view, the article in question, is one of the best embodied in our constitution. No change is recommended.

G. W. HUFHAM, Ch'n.

C.

The committee on Foreign missions ask leave to report: Foreign missions have for their object the universal spread and prevalence of the Gospel, and these sustained by the prophecies and promises of inspiration. The progress of events are unfolding facilities for the accomplishment of divine purposes of grace—and we are called upon to fulfill our responsibilities in this enlightened day. It is desirable therefore that we pass over to the Southern Convention, all proceeds assigned to, and available for that purpose, and to continue to cherish collections for that object.

If it shall please God to raise up amongst us a Missionary for Foreign lands, then our duties will assume a more particular direction and energy—meanwhile we should use our energies to aid those already engaged, and while we pray "thy kingdom come" suit our action to our prayer.

W. P. BIDDLE, Ch'n

G.

The Committee on Ordination report. That they have prayerfully and patiently examined Bro. Thomas W. Rayfield, and feel conscientiously constrained to say, that we do not consider him qualified in Scripture requisites for admission into ordination and therefore advise that he should not be ordained. Respectfully submitted,

W. P. BIDDLE, Ch'n.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Experience.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Died.	White.	Black.	Total.	Contributions.
Wilmington, New Hanover,	J. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis, D. Cashwell,	14	4	16	2	18	2	4	177	104	282	100 35
Mt. Holly, "	L. Carroll, H. Croom, J. C. Carroll,			2		5	1		32	7	39	8 70
Moore's Creek, "	A. Alderman, C. P. Moore, O. Alderman,	5	3			3			93	35	128	10 67
Olive Branch, "	N. Stanaland, W. B. Foy,	4	2			3			39	10	49	4 00
Bethlehem, "	W. Keath, C. P. Barnhill, J. F. Herring,	4				5		6	64	11	75	2 50
Marshal's "	G. W. Marshall, J. M. Flinn, M. Pridgen,										41	3 50
Lebanon, "	G. Fennell, C. B. Corbett, J. W. Taylor,		2			3	1	1	38	20	58	14 75
Wells' Chapel, "	L. Highsmith, J. M. Fennell, I. Alderman,			1		5		1	99	51	150	19 60
Riley's Creek, "	H. W. Taylor, T. Swinson,		1	1		2			14		14	2 65
Bethel, Sampson,	W. Friar, N. Newton, Geo. Newton,					2	2		61	14	75	5 20
Lisbon, "	John Smith, M. Carroll, E. L. Powell,	1		1		3			60	3	63	2 00
Mt. Gilead, "	James Vann, L. A. Powell, A. S. C. Powell,		4				1	1	54	6	60	2 60
New Hope, "	C. C. Oats, L. Carroll, J. R. Ezel,		9	1		2		1	111	28	139	5 50
Boykin's Chapel, "	J. L. Boykin, J. Boykin, R Peterson,	25	2	1	1	1	5	5	88	63	151	16 50
White Oak, "	N. Vann, W. Vann, S. Bennett,								40	7	47	1 50
Pleasant Springs, "	N. Hall, W. Simmons, R. Smith,		1	1		4	1				43	1 00
Fork M. H. "	L. Rich, L. R. Peterson, H. Peterson,		4			2			29	11	40	2 00
Pleasant Union, "	Letter.						2				97	1 20
Salem, "	J. A. R. Howard, T. A. Howard, A. J. Cooper,					1	4		54	15	69	1 85
Brown's M. H. "	A, Brown, H. Fort, A. Hobbs,	1	1				3	2	23	34	57	1 50
Beulah, "	L. F. Williams, F. B. Millard, M. C. Blunt,		1			1			66	9	75	2 45
Piney Grove, "	J. Hines, A. King, W. Derden,	8	1		2			1	44	11	60	11 25
Piney Green, "	O. Royal, D. H. Crumple, A. McRae,	1	3				3				64	2 00
Roan, "	No intelligence from this Church,								71	12	83	
Mt. Zion, Bladen,	J. O. Andres, G. Russ, S. Andres,						1		25	17	42	9 56
French's Creek, "	James Evans, P. H. Prigen. B. Devane,						1	1			49	2 00
Thunder Swamp, Wayne,	W. Burnum, G. W. Wallace, D. Whitley,					1			20	17	37	2 00
Falling Creek, "	John Cox, W. R. Parker, W. Smith,	18	3					1	15	3	18	2 00
Goldsboro', "	H. Miner, D. Jones, J. C. Nelson,	1	6						22	1	23	1 00

Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B. Oliver, H. C. Kornegay, J. B. Best,					1	2		108	65	173	5	30
Johnson's M. H.	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, T. J. Guy,	12	4			4	5	3	114	85	229	10	60
Kenansville,	"	G. W. Hufham, H. Moore, W. R. Kornegay,					4	1		55	61	116	3	00
Beaverdam,	"	John Swinson, L. G. Bass, J. D. Carroll,			1	3		1	1	65	37	102	9	00
Concord,	"	J. Taylor, R. Wilkings, W. B. Wells,	4	1			5		2	97	22	119	6	75
Berea,	"	S. Stallings, F. Savage, H. Murray,	3		1		4	1		31	8	39	2	00
Island Creek,	"	B. Cavenough, J. Cavenough, A. Killpatrick,	3	2						58	12	70	2	40
Limestone,	"	D. Southerland, Charles Oglesby, James Dobson,								30	17	47	1	50
Piney Grove,	Jones,	J. J. Rhodes, J. K. Render,	5				5	2				68	4	00
Brice's Creek,	"	M. N. Fisher, J. W. Pettier, J. R. Taylor,					2			25	3	28	1	50
Newbern,	Craven,	J. M. C. Breaker, Z. Slade, J. C, Stevensou,	1			1			2	94	21	115	35	50
Concord,	Beaufort,	R. Williams, J. Taylor, W. B. Wells,					1	1	2			35		
Washington,	"	J, D. Elwell, T. W. Rayfield, D. Leget,	34	1		2	4	5	4	53	83	136	2	00
Warren's M. H.	"	J. Utley, C. C. Davis,	1						1			64	1	50
Parker's Chapel,	Pitt,	A. G. Jordan, B. Spear, W. C. Whitehead,	10			3				29	6	35	1	00
Greenville,	"	Not represented, as in 1846,										39		
Hancock's,	"	A. Cox, J. McLonon, E. Ellis,					18	1	2	45	11	56	2	00
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir,	W. P. Biddle, N. Askew, S. B. Carraway,	2				5		1	40	11	51	3	00
Rich Land's Chapel,	Onslow,	No Letter nor delegates—reported membership,								22	3	25		
Bay M. H.,	"	In 1846,										20		
Little Creek,	Green,	John W. Dorson, Levi Dorson, John C. C. Jenks,								57	18	75	2	00
Snow Hill,	"	Jonathan Wood, Albert H. Dowell,								6		9	5	20

NOTE.—Though there are several good Sabbath Schools, in a prosperous condition, within the bounds, and connected with the Churches of this Association, the Clerk has not specified them, for the reason that, with very few exceptions, the Teachers and Scholars, and Library volumes are not numbered in the Letters from the Churches. For other information, such as times of meetings, Post Offices, &c., refer to Table for 1849, which will be found generally correct, except with regard to Pastors. Some Churches are now without Pastors that were supplied last year.

D.

Your committee on Temperance present the following report.

The evils of Intemperance have become so numerous and fatal, pre-eminently so among the effects of sin, that special efforts have been deemed necessary for their removal. The temperance enterprise we regard as one of the great institutions of benevolence for which the present age is distinguished. So general is the concurrence of sentiment on this subject, that no man is considered justly entitled to the character either of a philanthropist or a christian who opposes its progress, or feels no sympathy for its prosperity. This cause, we think, has special claims upon the churches of Christ, set as they are for the defence of the gospel—its purity—its peace—and its power. Of all these virtues and excellencies is it virtually shorn by this Demon of cruelty—the cup of intoxication. How may we then, as christians, best aid in defeating and destroying this enemy? In answer to this question, your committee have two suggestions to offer. The church is the grand agency, ordained of God, to correct the vices and cultivate the virtues of human character—"Ye are the salt of the earth—ye are the light of the world," said the divine Teacher. But the influence here indicated can be exerted by the church, only while she maintains, by proper discipline, a character at once healthful and above reproach. She must keep herself "unspotted from the world." *This* is her high and solemn duty in reference to the cause of Temperance. If she would teach men their duty, and cultivate in society the habits of sobriety, she must by all means, maintain these habits herself. That church that does not maintain this character in all her members, is responsible to God for the neglect. It is the bounden duty, therefore, of every church to retain in its fellowship only such persons as are strictly temperate, and to encourage her members to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating drinks, except in cases of necessity. Although the moderate use of such drinks may produce no injury in the individual himself; yet as a christian he is to consider, that his example may embolden others to do this, who have not the same power of self government, and thus in the end may work their ruin, both for time and eternity. Let such a christian heed the advice of the Apostle. "If meat make my brother to offend; I will eat no flesh while the world standeth," and the still more solemn caution of the son of God; "Whoso shall offend (or cause to offend) one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." The only way in which a christian can entirely avoid this awful risk, in reference to the evil in question, is to abstain sacredly from the use of every thing that intoxicates. The mere gratification of a useless and sensual appetite, is surely a poor compensation for the danger of incurring the ruin of immortal souls.

We would suggest further that christians may increase their influence for good, by encouraging all proper organized measures, formed for the promotion of Temperance, among which we would mention particularly the Order of the Sons of Temperance and Rechabites. These institutions number among their members—now nearly a half a million in the United States—some of the best and wisest men, and most distinguished ministers. And strongly do they testify to the purity and excellency of their principles, as auxiliaries to the church. The great good which they have already accomplished is a sufficient evidence of their merits, and proves their title to our support, and their participation in the approval and blessing of Heaven. Let us "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." Respectfully submitted, J. M. C. BREAKER, Ch'n

E.

The committee who was appointed at our last session to prepare a report on Sabbath Schools to be handed in at this, beg leave to report.

Dear Brethren:—We are aware that the duty imposed upon us is of vast importance, and claims our utmost attention. Sabbath Schools. This subject gives us three important and leading ideas. 1st. The Sabbath. 2d. Schools, and 3d. The Attendants. 1st The Sabbath. What has greater claims on us than the Sabbath? It is the day on which "God did rest from all his works," and which he appointed for our rest day. The Laws of God and of our country declare that it shall be observed and that our daily employment shall neither occupy our time nor minds. That they shall be spent in the services of God in preparing our souls for his kingdom. If God did rest and command us to rest also, is not this enough to bring its great claims to bear on our minds? As it would take too much space to tell how it should be kept and spent, let us take the example of Christ, and do all the good we can on Sabbath by instructing others.

2d. Schools, which is 1st to collect together and 2d to instruct. It is said, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and all good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching" Heb. 10 ch. and 24, 25th ver. And shall we neglect the mind of the youths? If we do collect together on the Sabbath for any purpose, we can, with propriety, call it a sabbath collection or sabbath school. What do people generally do when they collect on the sabbath? They spend much of it in idleness, vanity and sin. What are we to do when we collect together? Instruct. What an important duty? Who will engage in it or rather who will refuse to engage in it? Imparting instructions is not only an important but a pleasing duty. It leads to the highest merits.

3d. The attendants are the instructors and learners. The instructors are those who are competent and willing, who love God, his cause, his sabbath and wisdom and who love children and seek to do all the good they can. The learners are all classes who seek knowledge in this school. View for a moment the many who have received this instruction and enjoy the benefit of it, also the millions who now need it, and then how few are imparting it to them. The children, who should attend these schools, are to rule our country. A few years ago our Fathers ruled but now they are gone and we rule so we shall soon leave it to our children. Our Fathers fought, bled and died for and gained our liberty, and we should teach our children to understand and sustain it. This liberty is based upon the love and fear of God. Which love and fear should be taught, and where will they be taught better than in the Sabbath Schools. Christ instructed his pupil on the sabbath and taught us to do good on that day. The mind of the children in the sabbath school, will be like the thrifty twig in a fertile soil, though small at first will soon be lofty and great. The taste, for reading formed in sabbath schools and by reading good little books, will lead to God's word and that will lead to God who will pardon all their sins and fit them for an exalted seat in glory where they shall be like him and be made kings and priests forever.

G. W. WALLACE, Ch'n.

F.

The presbytery appointed by the last association to meet with the church at Johnson's M. H., for the purpose of examining brother Alfred Guy in reference to his ordination, report: That they met on Saturday before the first Sunday in November and proceeded to the discharge of that duty. The examination proving satisfactory, the presbytery went forward and ordained him, together with brethren Stephen Guy, and W. M. Kennedy, who were examined, and approved by the association at her last session.

G. W. WALLACE, Ch'n.

H.

REPORT ON THE CONCORD LETTER.

Your committee on the letter from the Concord church, report. That they have duly considered the matter referred to therein, but from the want of further information on the subject, we can form no final opinion as to the merits of the case. Still, we are convinced of the importance of further investigation into the matter. We recommend, therefore, that a committee be appointed by the Association to meet at the Concord Church, as early as practicable, and aid them in the investigation and adjustment of the matter. We owe it to ourselves and our ministers that they be duly sustained against the assaults of the unworthy.

Respectfully submitted,

D. JONES, Ch'n.

I.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your committee have received at this session

For association fund	$110 52
" Itinerants "	161 01
" Home mission "	3 75
" Bible Society	50
" Education	50
" Foreign missions	61 29
	$337 57

Received of committee of finance of Union Association three hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty seven cents, Oct. 7th 1850.

$337 57 HENRY MOORE, Treasurer.

J.

The committee appointed to select delegates to the Baptist State Convention, recommend brethren Jas. McDaniel, G. W. Hufham, G. W. Wallace, J. L. Boykin, J. M. C. Breaker, A. B. Alderman, H. R. Kornegay, D. Jones, B. Oliver, L. F. Williams, H. Miner, C. D. Ellis, S. S. Biddle, J. Uttly, A. Guy, W. M. Kennedy and Albert H. Dowell.

Respectfully,

G. W. WALLACE, Ch'n

Henry Moore Treasurer in account with Union Baptist Association,

1849 Oct. 8th.

To cash from old acct.	$19 37	
" " Association fund	89 03	
" " Itinerant "	160 86	
" " Foreign mission "	56 13	
" " Home " "	16 19	
" " Union Bible Society	8 01	
" " Education "	14 00	
" " African mis. " last year	1 35	
" " Sabbath collection " "	23 46	
" " Pledge for Itineracy (Kenansville)	10 00	
" " " " (Bear Marsh)	20 00	
" " From W P Biddle, for Bay River mis.	29 87	
" " " Harriett's chapel Itineracy	18 95	
" " " Itinerants	119 34	
" " Association fund this year	110 52	
" " Itinerants fund this year	161 01	
" " Home mission fund this year	3 75	
" " Foreign mission fund this year	61 29	
" " Bible Society " "	50	
" " Education " "	50	
" " Sabbath collection " "	44 39	
		$968 52

CONTRA.

1849 Oct. 8th		
By cash paid bro. Jones for convention	71 48	
" " " J L Boykin (Bible society)	8 01	
" " " J. McDaniel (printing minutes)	75 00	
" " " D. Cashwell (Clerk)	25 00	
" " " Brethren Miner, Utly, Guy, Alderman, Wallace, and Merriam	602 01	
" " " Bible Society	50	
" " " Bro. Breaker for convention	70 52	
Cash on hand Itinerant fund 38 75		
" " " Association " 77 25 and carried to new account	116 00	
		$968 52

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account have attended to that duty, and find, from the proper vouchers, the above to be correct.

C. D. ELLIS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The only letters from corresponding bodies received this session are from the Chowan and Cape Fear associations and Advisory Council.

Our brethren in the Chowan association express deep sympathy with us in all the objects we contemplate and regret that no delegation appeared from us in their last session. Their next session embracing 3rd Lord's day in May next, will be held in Hertford county near the Female Institute, and we hope that a large delegation will represent us at their next session, who

will have the privilege of visiting the Institute, a promising child of our adoption.

The letter from the Cape Fear association expresses the great pleasure they derived from the presence of our delegates Elder McDaniel and bro. French, and solicits a continuance of the same correspondence.

The letter from the Council congratulates us on the blessed revivals that have prevailed among us the year preceeding and bids us God speed in our work of love and mercy. These brethren deserve our special regard from the fact that they are opening their eyes to the great work before us. Heretofore they have stood aloof from the work of missions, but there is reason to believe that with proper encouragement, they will now "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." All which is respectfully submitted,

S. B. CARRAWAY, Ch'n

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respective churches, a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute, and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognise as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direct or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting, and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vo

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord' in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and lo a day necessary. nger if

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermo at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon. n preached

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding Officer, (or in his absence,) the Secretary shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved,

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

New Churches - New Congregations
Swan Hill
Little Creek
Limestone
Trenches Creek

Piney Green gets letter to join
Raleigh Association

Report Com contained

J. J. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH,

AT

LITTLE CREEK, GREENE COUNTY, N. C.,

October 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1851.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro. tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord, Mat. 18th chap., 16th, 17th, and 18th verses; and all public offences, or such as operates against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking—and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

J. T. Alderman

PROCEEDINGS, &c.

LITTLE CREEK, GREENE COUNTY, FRIDAY, Oct. 3d, 1851.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. C. Gordon. from Matthew. 16th Chapter. 16th verse: "And Simon Peter answered and said. thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven. And I say also unto thee. that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church. and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

After a short respite, the Delegates were called together, and select portions of Scripture were read by the Moderator, Elder J. McDaniel. and after the singing of a Hymn, prayer was offered by Elder W. P. Biddle.

Bro. Barkly was appointed to occupy the stage this afternoon.

Brethren J. L. Boykin, John W. Dawson, and A. G. Jorden, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The Letters from the Churches were called for, read, and the names of the Delegates were enrolled.

Brethren B. Oliver and L. F. Williams, were appointed to superintend the election of Officers for the ensuing year; when Elder J. McDaniel was re-elected Moderator, and D. Cashwell, the former Clerk, having resigned, Elder G. W. Wallace was elected clerk; and J. L. Boykin was elected Treasurer.

Appointed Brethren J. D. Elwell, J. Dawson, and W. P. Biddle, a committee to select preachers for the stage during this session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. D. Elwell.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Select portions of scripture were read by the Moderator, and after the singing of a Hymn, prayer was offered by Elder J. Utly.

After calling the Roll, proceeded to business.

Appointed B. Oliver, R. Newton, and L. F. Williams, a committee of arrangements.

Petitionary Letters were called for, whereupon a Letter from the Beaufort Church, recently organized, was presented, read, and submitted to a committee, consisting of J. D. Carroll, J. Wood, and Levi Dawson.

Committee on the supply of the stage, reported the following as preachers for to-day:—W. Jones, J. S. Purify, and H. McAlpin.

Committee of Arrangements reported. Report was adopted.

Corresponding Messengers were called for; when Elders W. Jones, and J. S. Purify, from the Raleigh Association; Elders J. G. Barkly, A. Jones, and Dr. S. J. Wheeler, from the Chowan; Elder P. Mewborn, and brethren C. Wooten, and M. Carr, from the Advisory Council; Elder W. Johnson, and brother J. Brown, from the Portsmouth Association, came forward and were welcomed to seats.

The following Visiting Brethren were welcomed to seats—Elder H. McAlpin, and Elder J. Utly.

Elder J. J. James, General Agent of Oxford Female College, was welcomed to a seat.

The Committee on the Petitionary Letter from Beaufort Church, reported favourably; whereupon, the Church was received as a member of the Association.

Appointed H. R. Kornegay, to write the Letter of Correspondence to the Raleigh Association; H. Miner, the Letter to the Chowan; W. P. Biddle, the Letter to the Portsmouth; and D. Cashwell, the Letter to the Advisory Council.

Committee appointed last year, on the subject of the Gospel Ministry reported. Report received, and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

The following committees were appointed to report at the next session of this Association:

On Temperance, H. R. Kornegay, W. M. Kenedy, and J. D. Carroll. On Foreign Missions, W. P. Biddle, S. B. Carroway, and P. Hardie. On the best method of imparting religious instruction to the slave population, G. W. Huffham, G. W. Wallace, W. P. Biddle, B. Oliver, and S. B. Carroway. On Sabbath Schools, C. C. Gordon, F. B. Millard, and L. F. Williams. On the Bible cause, J. M. C. Breaker, L. Slade, and J. Utly.

Committee on Finance reported. Report received, and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

Requested the Clerk to keep a file of all the Minutes of Corresponding Associations or Bodies.

The following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Chowan Female Institute to our brethren and friends, as a suitable school for the Education of their daughters; and that we think it will be commendable in our people to aid by their liberality in the erection of the new building in progress.

Resolved, That we recommend the Oxford Female College to the favorable notice of our brethren and friends.

Resolved, also, That we recommend the Sedgewick Seminary, located at Raleigh, to the favorable notice of our brethren and the public.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of establishing, within the bounds of this Association, a Male school, or schools, preparatory to Wake Forest College, and to report on Monday.

Interesting Addresses were at this point, delivered on Education, by Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Elder J. J. James, and Elder J. S. Purify.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, This Body is without any History, from its origin up to the present time, except the Minutes, and they in a scattered condition,

Therefore, Resolved, That this Association appoint some suitable person, whose duty it shall be, if possible, to collect the Minutes of the Goshen and Neuse Associations, from their origin up to the union of the two, and from that time, those of the *Union* Association, and present them to the next Association.

Resolved further, That the Clerk shall keep a regular file of these Minutes, and of all future sessions of this Association, and have them at each session for reference.

Bro. L. F. Williams appointed to collect the Minutes.

At the request of Mount Gilead Church, the following brethren were appointed a committee to advise with them, touching a difficulty existing in said Church—G. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, B. Oliver, A. Guy, and C. C. Oates.

Appointed the following brethren the committee on the expediency of establishing schools, preparatory to Wake Forest College—W. P. Biddle, J. McDaniel, S. B. Carroway, L. Dawson, G. W. Huffham, and H. R. Kornegay.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at New Hope, Sampson county, N. C., on Friday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1852, commencing at 11, A. M.

Appointed Elder J. McDaniel to preach the Introductory sermon at next session—Elder G. W. Wallace, the Alternate.

Appointed Elder H. Miner to preach the Charity sermon, on Saturday, at next session of this Association—Elder C. C. Gordon, the Alternate.

Appointed brethren W. M. Kenedy, W. Wright, and A. Powell, a committee to prepare an Obituary Notice of brethren H. Moore, and S. Guy.

The committee appointed last year, to procure a Lot for the erection of a Baptist church in Beaufort, reported—That a Lot has been purchased, which is in a very favorable part of the Town, and that a Church has already been organized there, with prospects of encouragement.

The Report of the Executive committee was presented, read, and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

Appointed brethren D. Cashwell, L. Dawson, and H. Miner, a committee to Audit the Accounts of the Executive committee.

Appointed the same committee to nominate the Executive committee for the ensuing year.

The committee on religious services announced as preachers for the Sabbath, the following—W. Johnson, J. J. James, J. McDaniel, and J. G. Barkly.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. J. James.

SABBATH.

The services were opened by W. Johnson, with a discourse founded on John 17th chap., 23d verse.

Elder J. J. James followed with a discourse founded on John 2d chap., 10th verse; after which a collection was taken up.

Ill health prevented Elder J. McDaniel from preaching, and Elder J. G. Barkly delivered a discourse on Luke 15th chap., 2d verse. Elder H. R Kornegay closed the services. We trust that the good seed sown will produce a harvest.

Monday Morning, October 5th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Select portions of scripture were read by the Moderator; and after the singing of a Hymn, Prayer was offered by Elder W. Jones.

Committee on the examination of the Accounts of the Executive Committee, reported that all is correct. Report accepted.

Committee appointed at last session to report at this, on Temperance, presented their report; which was read, approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The subject of a new organization between Neuse and Roanoke Rivers, was introduced, on which a long discussion took place, at the conclusion of which, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Some of our Churches, North East of the Neuse River, have manifested an inclination to unite with some others of our Faith and Order, in the formation of a new Association between the Neuse and Roanoke Rivers,

Therefore, Resolved, That these Churches be authorized to meet with others of like views, at such time and place as they may deem proper, to take steps preparatory to the formation of such an organization—to appoint an Executive Committee—to collect funds, and disburse them, &c: but still to hold themselves members of our body—to represent themselves at our next session, when, if deemed desirable by them, to consummate an union with the new interest contemplated, the proper arrangements can be made on our part by granting letters in due form and order to such as apply for them.

The committee on religious services, announced as preachers for to-day—W. Johnson, H. McAlpin, and A. Jones.

The committee on the Bible cause, appointed at last session to report at this, presented their report; which was read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Committee on the nomination of the Executive committee, presented their report; which was approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Committee on Sabbath Schools, appointed at last session, presented their report. It was approved and ordered to be printed.

The committee on the expediency of establishing Schools preparatory to Wake Forest College, craved longer time; whereupon, it was agreed that they present their Report at next session, and that Col. S. S. Biddle be added to said committee.

Letters to Corresponding Associations were presented, read and approved; except the one to the Portsmouth Association, which had not, through

press of engagements, been prepared; whereupon, brother Biddle was authorized to prepare it, and send it.

The Committee on Obituary Notices craved further time. Granted.

The following Preamble and Resolution were, after some interesting speeches, adopted:

WHEREAS, There is great distitution in the Churches, in some parts of our Association,

Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend all our Churches to devote an hour, every Sabbath morning before preaching, in supplicating a Throne of Grace, and praying the Lord of the Harvest to raise up and send forth more laborers into the harvest: for truly the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; and, resolved that this practice be continued for the ensuing 12 months.

Appointed brethren B. Oliver, S. B. Carroway, and L. Carroll, a committee to nominate Delegates to the Convention.

Resolved, That this Association become Auxiliary to the Convention.

Appointed brother J. D. Carroll to call for the late Treasurer's Book, and prepare a report therefrom for these Minutes.

Agreed, that any brethren who may attend the sessions of those Bodies with whom we correspond, whose names appear in these Minutes, shall be authorized to represent this Association in said Bodies, upon their presenting a copy of these Minutes to said Bodies.

Suspended the business of the Association a short time for the Bible Society to hold a meeting.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

B. Oliver was chosen President; D. Cashwell, Secretary; J. L. Boykin, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Funds of the Society in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over into the hands of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, to be appropriated to the purchase of Bibles, Testaments, &c., for the Missionaries to dispose of.

The Society then adjourned to the next session of the Association.

B. OLIVER, *President*.

D. CASHWELL, *Secretary*.

The Association resumed business.

Appointed Delegates to Corresponding Bodies—to the Advisory Council, D. Cashwell, H. R. Kornegay, L. F. Williams, J. M. Dawson, H. Miner; and W. M. Kenedy; to Raleigh, W. M. Kenedy, H. Miner, and G. S. Best, to Chowan, G. W. Wallace, M. C. Blunt, and C. C. Oates; to Portsmouth, W. P. Biddle, C. D. Ellis, and J. D. Elwell.

Three dollars of the Sabbath collection were requested by the Donor to be appropriated to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we recommend all the Pastors of Churches in our bounds to earnestly lay before their Churches, the claims of the Executive Committee.

The following Queries were presented and answered:

1. Is it consistent with scripture, and with Baptist usage, for a Minister, against whom there are charges in his own Church, of sufficient magnitude to prevent him from obtaining a Letter of Dismission, to solicit, and take the pastoral charge of another Church? Answer—*Emphatically* NO.

2. Is it according to Gospel order for a Church to call such a minister, they knowing the circumstances? Answer—*Emphatically* NO.

3. Is it allowed in the Bible to Church members to sell intoxicating Liquors for an occupation, or to drink them as a beverage? Answer—*We deem the traffic in intoxicating Liquors, and the drinking of them as a beverage, wholly incompatible with Christian profession.*

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure that an effort is being made to endow Wake Forest College, which, being successful, will enable all our Ministers desiring it, to obtain tuition *gratis;* and we hereby recommend the object to the support of our brethren.

Appointed a committee, consisting of W. Wright, H. R. Kornegay, and S. B. Carroway, to solicit Funds for the education of brother Shuck's son, whose father is laboring in *China*, and whose little son is at Wake Forest College.

Agreed to have 1200 copies of these Minutes printed, and distributed as usual.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of them; and ordered that he have $15 for his services.

The committee on the Nomination of Delegates to the Convention, reported. Report received, and ordered to be printed.

DELEGATES TO BAPTIST CONVENTION FROM UNION ASSOCIATION.

Elder James McDaniel,	Joel Hines,	F. B. Millard,
" George W. Huffham,	Joel Loftin,	A. Alderman,
" A. Guy,	H. Murray,	Jonah Horton,
" H. R. Kornegay,	J. C. Stevenson,	Dr. Daniel DuPre,
" H. Miner,	F. C. Wilson,	Benjamin Hallett,
C. D. Ellis,	D. Griffin,	Rufus P. Jones,
G. R. French,	H. Croom,	D. H. Wallace,
J. A. Parker,	C. J. Oates,	T. A. Grisham,
J. I. Bryan,	W. Millard,	E. H. Edwards,
A. A. B. Southall,	Macon Blount,	Jonathan Wood,
D. Cashwell,	E. B. Wood,	Wm. H. Faison,
Labon Carroll.	Joshua Loftin,	William Wright,
Benjamin Oliver,	Whitmon Price,	G. W. Marshall,
L. Highsmith,	George W. Hobbs,	Noah Higshmith,
C. C. Oates,	N. C. Faison,	

The Moderator was authorized to fill the List with any members of our Association, whose names are not presented by said committee, and who may be present at the Convention.

Resolved, To recommend to the Churches of this Association to adopt as a Hymn Book, the *Psalmody*, by Dr. Manly & Son.

Resolved, That the amount collected for the relief of the widow of brother S. Guy, viz: $18 60, be paid into the hands of brother A. Guy, to convey to her.

Resolved, That the committee man appointed to collect the history of the Union Association, be instructed to collect the Minutes of the Cape Fear Association from the time of its separation from the Neuse Association to its division, when the Goshen Association was formed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association is due, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for their hospitality displayed during this session.

After some very feeling remarks by Elders J. J. James, H. Miner and J. McDaniel, the Association adjourned to time and place above specified.

J. McDANIEL, *Moderator*.

G. W. WALLACE, *Clerk*.

DIGEST OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

WILMINGTON.—A few have been added; but there has not been that interest manifested for the cause of Christ and his kingdom that becometh his followers—yet, from the interest manifested in the cause of Missions and the Sabbath schools, we look for better times. Brother James McDaniel is our Pastor.

MOUNT HOLLY.—We feel humble, and rejoice that we still are at peace. Brethren pray for us? Elder G. Wallace is our Pastor.

MOORE'S CREEK.—The Letter from this Church indicates a good degree of piety and growing interest in the Redeemer's kingdom; many have been added to their number. Elder George Fennell is their Pastor; with the addition of Elder A. B. Alderman.

OLIVE BRANCH.—From this Church, no information.

BETHLEHEM.—From this Church, no information.

MARTIAL'S MEETING HOUSE.—No information from this Church.

LEBANON.—They say the state of Religion is low; but think there is a prospect of a better state of things. Elder George Fennell is their Pastor.

WELLS' CHAPEL.—This Church have had some additions the past year. They say help us to pray, O Lord, revive thy work! Elder George Fennell is their Pastor.

RILEY'S CREEK.—From this Church, no information.

BETHEL.—They complain of coldness; but are at peace among themselves. Elder Reuben Newton is their Pastor.

LISBON.—This Church complains of coldness; but says peace and harmony prevails—and looks forward for better times. Elder Stephen Senter is our Pastor.

MOUNT GILEAD.—This Church says she has nothing cheering to communicate, only she is now clear of difficulties, and is at peace. Brethren, pray for us. Elder C. C. Gorden is our Pastor.

NEW HOPE.—This Church says Religion is at a low ebb at present. The congregation is large and attentive. They wish the ministers to visit them. Elder C. C. Gorden is their Pastor.

UNION CHAPEL.—This Church expresses great desire for more preaching. Brother N. Askew preached occasionally for them the past year.

Boykin's Chapel.—This Church says we are in a cold state at present, yet we believe the Lord is waiting to be gracious. We are at peace. Elder H. McAlpin is our Pastor.

White Oak.—Brethren, we have nothing interesting to write you. We have had no increase the past year. Elder H. McAlpin is our Pastor.

Pleasant Springs.—From this Church, we have no information.

Fork Meeting House.—We have nothing of a cheering nature to communicate to you. We are at peace among ourselves. Elder Stephen Senter is our Pastor.

Pleasant Uni n.—From this Church, we have no information.

Salem.—Brethren, we have no strange news to communicate. We are at peace among ourselves. We have regular preaching. Elder Stephen Senter is our Pastor.

Brown's Meeting House.—Our prospects are about as usual. We have not made much progress. We are at peace. Elder L. F. Williams is our Pastor.

Beulah.—They say, we are about where we were last year, only we are this much nearer our home. We hope to share in your prayers; we hope and we act and pray for better days. Elder C. C. Gorden is our Pastor.

Mount Zion.—We are without a Paster, and know not where to procure one.

Thunder Swamp.—We are at peace, and a better state of feeling in matters of Religion than formerly. Pray for us? Elder L. F. Williams is our Pastor.

Falling Creek.—Say their congregations are large and increasing, still they have much to lament over during the past year. They have lost, by death, one of the brightest ornaments of their Church, brother Wm. Smith. Elder H. Minor is their Pastor.

Goldsboro'.—It has been a time of trial in this, as the past year, still we are all permitted to hold on our way, and rejoice that, through the Grace of our God, of late some accessions have been made to our Church, from the ranks of the enemy. Elder H. Miner is our Pastor.

Bear Marsh.—They say, we fear that interest has not been manifested for the cause of Christ that becometh his followers, yet, they trust a better day will soon dawn on them. May many prayers be lifted up to God for the outpouring of his Spirit! Elder C. C. Gorden is their Pastor.

Johnson M. H.—This Church has nothing cheering to communicate.—There seems to be some difficulties in her midst; oh, that the Lord in his Mercy would remove those difficulties from amongst us. They mourn the loss of their beloved Pastor, Elder Stephen Guy; yet they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for he left this world in the triumphs of Faith.—May the Lord take care of the orphans and widow!

Kenansville.—We have nothing cheering to communicate. Our congregations are large and extremely attentive; and we trust that the good seed sown by our Pastor will yet bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of our God. They say they have sustained a great loss, by the death of bro-

ther H. Moore, whose place they fear will not soon be filled in the Church. Elder G. W. Wallace is our Pastor.

Beaver Dam —We have had but little change, since our last to you, for better or worse. We are at peace, yet we are not without hope of a better state of things: our congregations are large and attentive. Our esteemed Elder G. W. Huffham is our Pastor.

Concord.—We are in a cold and luke-warm condition. Brethren, pray for us? Elder W. M. Kenedy is our Pastor.

Berea.—The Lord has visited us in His Mercy. Our hearts have been made glad on account of the outpouring of the Spirit among us. O Lord, continue thy work in our midst: Elder Alfred Guy is our Pastor.

Island Creek —We have been greatly refreshed and strengthened. We have had a gracious revival in our midst. To God be all the glory! Elder W M Kenedy is our Pastor.

Piney Grove.—They say they are in a cold state. O Lord, revive us!

Brice's Creek —From this Church, we have no information.

Newbern —No information from this Church.

Concord, (Pantego)—From this Church, no information.

Washington.—The Lord has again blessed us with an outpouring of His Spirit. O Lord, continue thy work among us!

Warren M. H.—We have no information from this Church.

Parker's Chapel —They say the past year has been a time of rejoicing with them, for the Lord has abundantly blessed and revived them. To Thy name, O Lord, be all the glory! Elder J. D. Elwell is their Pastor.

Hancock's.—They say they are now at peace among themselves. Pray for us?

Harriet's Chapel —They complain of coldness, although they say they have an able Ministry. Elder Wm. B. Biddle is their Pastor; and monthly preaching by Elder Miner.

Little Creek —Complain of coldness, yet looks forward for better days.

Roan.—They say it has been a wintery season, and they have been destitute of preaching for some time; but they feel that a brighter day has dawned on them, and they take courage and press on. Elder G. W. Wallace is our Pastor.

Limestone.—They say the Lord has greatly revived them, and many have been added to their number the past year. Brethren join us in thanks to our Heavenly Father, for His mercies? Elder W. M. Kennedy is our Pastor.

Piney Grove.—We are at peace among ourselves. We earnestly ask your prayers? Elder H. McAlpin is our Pastor.

Greenville.—They say they are in a cold state, but at peace one with the other. Elder J. G. Barkly preaches for them occasionally. Pray for us?

Snow Hill.—Brethren, we are a feeble band. We are in love and unity, and enjoy peace. Elder H. Miner has been our Pastor the past year.

Beaufort.—This Church was received, during this Session of the Association, under favorable circumstances.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.		DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	White.	Black.	Total.
Wilmington	New Hanover	J. McDaniel.* C. D. Ellis, D. Cashwell	4	11	..	4	..	3	2	180	118	298
Mount Holly	do	L. Carroll, Thomas Lee	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	31	6	37
Moore's Creek	do		42	1	3	..	3	2	..	118	52	170
Olive Branch	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	10	49
Bethlehem	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	11	75
Marshall's	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
Lebanon	do		2	1	..	..	..	4	..	37	21	58
Wells' Chapel	do		12	..	..	..	3	3	5	103	49	152
Riley's Creek	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	14
Bethel	Sampson	R. Newton,* A. Alderman, I. J. Newton	2	..	..	..	8	1	1	62	13	75
Lisbon	do	E. Powell, M. Carroll, W. S. Riley	..	2	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	61
Mount Gilead	do	C. C. Gordon,* L. A. Powell, J. Van, Jr	..	5	..	..	1	4	..	54	6	60
New Hope	do	J. R. Ezzell, L. Carroll, H. E. Smith	1	3	..	..	1	4	2	110	24	134
Boykin's Chapel	do	I. Boykin, J. Peterson, J. L. Boykin	22	7	..	..	3	9	1	102	65	167
White Oak	do		..	..	..	..	..	2	..	40	7	47
Pleasant Springs	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Fork Meeting House	do	L. Rich, L. R. Peterson, J. B. Highsmith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Pleasant Union	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
Salem	do	Letter	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	64
Brown's Meeting House	do	Letter	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	28	40	68
Beulah	do	L. F. Williams*	..	..	..	..	5	3	3	50	13	63
Piney Grove	do	Letter	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	61
Roan	do	S. Peterson	..	..	..	..	5	1	2	62	12	74
Mount Zion	Bladen	Letter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	17	42
French's Creek	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
Thunder Swamp	Wayne	G. W. Wallace*	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	26	22	48
Falling Creek	do	K. Cogdell	2	..	..	..	4	..	1	14	3	17
Goldsboro'	do	H. Miner,* E. B. Wood	5	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	28
Bearmash	Duplin	B. Oliver, W. Wright	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	105	61	166
Johnson's Meeting House	do	W. M. Kennedy,* A. Guy,* G. S. Best	..	1	1	..	7	4	7	133	78	211
Kenansville	do	H. R. Kornegay	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	50	59	109

Beaver Dam	do	J. D. Carroll	1	..	..	..	4	3	..	56	33	89
Concord	do		..	1	..	..	8	..	1	88	22	110
Berea	do		9	1	2	..	2	1	..	40	8	48
Island Creek	do		11	2	..	..	2	..	1	71	9	80
Limestone	do	W. M. Kenedy	31	1	1	..	1	..	1	49	18	81
Piney Grove	Jones		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	62
Brice's Creek	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	28
Newbern	Craven		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	21	115
Concord	Beaufort		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	83	136
Washington	do	J. D. Elwell*	16	4	..	5	5	4	5	59	74	137
Beaufort	Carterett		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Warren's	do		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
Parker's Chapel	Pitt	C. C Gordon,* R. M. Spear, W. Whitehead	23	7	..	3	..	1	1	54	8	62
Greenville	do	T. A. Gorham	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	22	9	31
Hancock's	do	E. Ellis, J. C. Cox	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	37	15	52
Harriet's Chapel	Lenoir	W. P. Biddle,* S. B. Carroway	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	36	8	44
Union Chapel	Onslow		5	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	3	23
Little Creek	Greene	J. W. Dawson, J. H. Coward, E. C. Coward	1	3	..	..	6	5	3	51	17	68
Snow Hill	do	J. Wood	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9

NOTE.—Ministers designated by an Asterisk, (*.)

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	Association Fund.	Itinerant Fund.	Home Mission.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Society.
Wilmington ..... New Hanover..	$5 00	$	$	$	$	$
Mount Holly..... .....do.....	2 00					
Moore's Creek ....do.....	4 00					
Lebanon..... .....do.....	2 00	6 00	3 50			2 50
Wells' Chapel..... .....do.....	4 00	8 00				
Bethel ....Sampson....	3 00	4 00				
Lisbon ....do.	2 50					
Mount Gilead..... .....do.....	2 00					
New Hope..... .....do.....	3 50					
Boykin's Chapel..... .....do.....	2 50					
White Oak ....do.....	1 50	3 60				
Fork Meeting House..... .....do.....	1 00					
Salem..... ....do.....	1 50					
Brown's Meeting House..... .....do.....	1 25					
Beulah ....do.....	2 62½					
Piney Grove..... .....do.....	2 00					
Roan ....do.....	2 00					
Mount Zion..... .....Braden.....	1 00	4 00				
Thunder Swamp..... .....Wayne....	1 50					
Falling Creek..... .....do.....	2 00					
Bear Marsh..... .....Duplin....	4 30				3 50	
Johnson's Meeting House..... .....do.....	2 60					
Kenansville..... ....do.....	3 45					
Beaverdam ....do.....	3 25					
Concord ....do.....	3 00	1 00				
Bearea..... .....do.....	2 00					
Island Creek..... .....do.....	2 40					
Limestone ....do.....	2 00	3 00				
Washington ....Beaufort....	2 00					
Parker's Chapel..... .....Pitt.....	2 00					
Hancock's ....do.....	2 00					
Greenville..... .....do.....	2 50					
Harriet's Chapel..... .....Lenoir.. ...	2 00	3 00				
K. L. Chapel ....do.....	50					
Little Creek..... .....Greene.....	3 00					
Snow Hill..... .....do.....	1 00	2 00				

The Committee on Finance ask leave to submit the following Report:

Received from the Churches this year--

Association Fund.....	$84 87½
Itinerant Fund.....	34 60
Home Mission.....	3 50
Bible Society.....	2 50
Foreign Mission.....	3 50
	$128 97½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. BOYKIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION, 3D OF OCT., 1851.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Another Associational year has passed away, and it becomes our duty again to present to you an account of our doings. Our first meeting was held at *Bear Marsh* Church, on the 7th of October, 1850. The following appointments were made for the first quarter, viz :—Elder A. B Alderman, to labor in the Olive Branch, Riley's Creek, Caintuck, Moore's Creek, and French's Creek Churches.

Elder J. Utly. to labor in the counties of Jones, Chowan, and Carteret.

Elder G. W. Wallace, to labor among the old Churches, in the capacity of General Agent.

Elder A. Guy, to labor East of Washington.

The next meeting was held at Greenville, on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of December. 1850, which was one of much interest. The word preached was attended with unusual power. At the close of the session, two of the Ministers were left for a few days, to labor, to advance the work which appeared to be in progress. Reports of an encouraging character were received from brethren Utly, Alderman, and Miner. Brethren Guy and Wallace, through sickness, failed to attend their appointments.

These brethren were re-appointed to their respective fields.

The next meeting was held at Johnson's Meeting House. Duplin county, N. C., on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of March, 1851. The meeting was numerously attended and much interest manifested in the operations of the Committee. A collection was taken up in aid of these operations, indicative of a growing approbation. Reports were received from the brethren in the employ of the Committee, which cheered the hearts of those who heard them, and felt an interest in the prosperity of our cause. The general desire from every field, as expressed through the Missionaries, was, "Send us preachers."

The following brethren were appointed for the next quarter :

Elder A. Guy, to labor with the French's Creek, Marshal's, Bethlehem, Taylor's Branch, Carroll's Chapel, and Berea Churches.

Elder Askew, to labor at Union Chapel, Lott's Mills School House, Chinkapin, Trenton, Piney Grove, Pollocksville, Brice's Creek, Slocumb's, Bay Meeting House, and Beaufort.

Elder G. W. Wallace, to act as General Agent.

Elder Miner, to labor in his former field.

The next meeting was held at Beaverdam, Duplin county, N. C., 28th, 29th, and 30th of June, 1851. The attendance at this meeting was very large. A growing interest in our meetings is manifest. For numbers, the congregations are like those of an Association. The Reports from the Missionaries made our hearts glad. Several interesting revivals were reported. Greater liberality from the Churches, in support of the Itinerancy, was manifest. The Committee were enabled to pay up the responsibilities of the prior quarter.

The same brethren were re-appointed to their former fields.

The last meeting was held at the House of brother S. B. Carroway, on the 2nd of October, 1851. A report was received from brother Wallace, from which we submit the following extract:

"Soon after your last meeting, I commenced with renewed energy in the field assigned me, which was, as you know, all the Churches in the bounds of the Association, that I could possibly visit. I travelled through Duplin, New Hanover, Sampson, and a small part of Pitt counties, and visited as many Churches as I well could. At the most of them, I laid before them the objects of the Union Association, in their efforts to send the Gospel to the most destitute portions of the Association, at most of which they seemed to be well received, and some of the Churches responded to the call, while others seemed to pay but little regard to it. I have held several protracted meetings in Duplin and other counties, at all of which, the Lord seemed to bless the effort: a number professed conversion, and joined the Church; and from what I have seen, I think the field is already white to harvest; and all that is necessary, is to have the right kind of preaching, and we may expect to have an increase to the Churches that we have not been accustomed to see. The reason I thus speak, is, there seems to be a general inquiry among the people in some sections; and a disposition seems to prevail, more favorable to Baptist views than usual."

Brother Askew responded, that he had been diligently engaged in the field assigned him, and in some places saw evident signs of promise; particularly at Fort Barnwell, and the County of Onslow.

Elder A. Guy, presented a report, abounding with cheering intelligence. During the quarter, he had attended several protracted meetings, at which the Spirit of the Lord was present, to convict, convert, and comfort. Numbers professed faith in Christ, and united with Churches. The prospect in the greater part of his field of labor is cheering.

We herewith present a detailed account of our receipts and expenditures during the Associational year, and we shall be pleased for the Association to appoint a committee to examine it.

In closing this Report, dear brethren, permit us to say, that we see more and more of the magnitude of the work before the Association. We trust that it will be prosecuted with renewed zeal and energy. We are happy in being able to congratulate the Association in view of what has already been accomplished. We anticipate still greater results.

All of which, is respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

C. D. ELLIS, *Secretary.*

CHAS. D. ELLIS, *in Account Current with the Executive Committee:*

		Dr.	Cr.
1850—Dec. 28.	To Cash rec'd of Piney Grove Church,	$ 5 00	
1851—Oct. 3.	" " " " Mount Holly	20 00	
" —June 29.	" " " " New Hope	5 25	
	" " " " Bethel	6 00	
	" " " " Lebanon	4 00	
	" " " " Beulah	10 00	
	" " " " Newbern	7 00	
	" " " " Thunder Swamp	1 00	
	" " " " Mount Zion	2 00	
	" " " " Harriet's Chapel	25 00	
	" " " " Moore's Creek	12 00	
	" " " " Wells's Chapel	9 00	
	" " " " Berea	8 00	
	" " " " Concord	7 25	
	" " " " Wilmington	80 00	
	" " " " " Colored	4 00	
	" " " " Boykin's Chapel	20 00	
	" " " " Bear Marsh	46 57	
	" " " " Mount Gilead	10 00	
	" " " " Beaverdam	3 75	
	" " " " H. Moore, Treasurer	18 75	
	" " " " W. P. Biddle (Donation)	10 00	
	" " " Collected by Itinerants	278 60	
	" " " " Sale of Books	26 94	
	" " Col. by Ex. Com. at dif. meetings	32 29	
	" " rec'd of B. Best (Donation)	4 00	
	" " " " A. Best	5 00	
	" " " " Bro. Cotton	1 00	
	" " " " G. W. Hufham	5 00	
1851—Oct. 4th.	" " " From Finance Committee	34 60	
	" " " " Bear Marsh, for last yr	20 00	
		$722 50	
	Balance due Committee	6 30	
		$728 30	
1851—Oct. 4th.	By Cash paid Itinerants		$685 00
	" " " for Books		26 28
	" " " Contingencies		16 52
			$728 30

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Executive Committee, have attended to that duty, and find them correct, and present the above condensed statement for publication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. CASHWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report the following:

We do not think it necessary to enter into an argument to *prove* the tenableness of this institution; neither do we think its propriety will be called in question by any who have observed the results of it. It is a fact, that those Churches that have had Sabbath Schools regularly conducted, are generally in a more healthy condition than those that have neglected them. This fact proves that this institution is a very powerful auxiliary to the prosperity of the Church. We find, also, that in those communities in which Sabbath Schools have been regularly and properly managed, the intellectual condition of the people is generally superior to that of those who live in communities in which the institution is disregarded. In view of these facts, we recommend all our Churches to establish Sabbath Schools, and to furnish them with suitable libraries. These books may be had of brother McDaniel, in Wilmington, at a very low price.

HENRY R. KORNEGAY, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed to select suitable persons to compose the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, recommend brethren B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, J. D. Carroll, L. Carroll, J. L. Boykin, G. W. Huffham and D. J. Middleton. With the hope that our choice may meet your approval, we are, respectfully, D. CASHWELL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Distribution of Bibles, ask leave to report.

They have had the subject under consideration, but not in so special a way as is desirable. Last year we consulted with the Executive Committee, and they agreed to furnish the Itinerants with the Bible to distribute where they travelled, at cost or gratis, as circumstances might indicate.

We, believing the Bible to be the best of books, do earnestly desire to see it universally circulated, read and believed.

We recommend that a depository of Bibles and Tracts be located at some place or places, and furnished to our travelling preachers for sale or distribution. Respectfully submitted, WM. P. BIDDLE.

The Committee on Temperance ask leave to report the following:

For the want of time, we are not prepared to make such a report as we would desire, or as the importance of the subject demands. Our own opinion is fully made up, which we embody in the following:

Resolved, That we do not believe the Bible allows intoxicating drinks as a beverage—and that all Christians should abstain *sacredly* from its use.

GEO. S. BEST, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Association, on the subject of the support of the Gospel Ministry, beg leave to submit the following Report:

From the first commencement of the performance of religious duties by man to his Creator, it has cost money, or its equivalent. From then, down to the present time, all the world, both Heathens and Christians, have admitted their obligations to support the Ministry of their Religion. At the present day, the amount contributed by the Heathens to rear costly Temples, and support an idle and corrupt Priesthood, should put to shame the servants of the God of Gods. So fully do we think the *obligation* admitted, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, that we do not think it necessary to enter into an argument to prove this. It is, we think, of far more importance to enquire how this obligation, so generally recognized, has been fulfilled among us.

Let the many Ministers who have been compelled, since our recollection, to leave us and seek a more genial clime, answer? Let those who are now toiling five-sevenths of their time at some secular employment, and preaching the balance without, or, almost without, compensation, answer? Let those Churches, which are destitute of preaching, or nearly so, answer?—Does the inspired writer mean what he says, when he commands that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel? Again we say, nearly all admit that he does, and yet, how many among us, professing to be guided by the Holy Law, with ample means, give almost nothing to the support of the Gospel Ministry? Let the consciences of those who feel that this applies to them, answer? Ah! and answer as they will have to answer, at the day of Judgment!

In looking around then, we see many of our Ministers neglected; instead of striving to render themselves workmen approved, toiling to obtain support for themselves and families all the week, then lying down on the Sabbath to rest, or riding, or may be, walking some miles to meet their congregation, to drawl out a long, prosy, unconnected sermon, possessing but little interest, falling on dull, sleepy hearers, whose hearts are more engrossed by their domestic business than all the preacher is saying.

Let us now enquire into some of the causes that have lead to this state of things? Our principles lead us to be economical;—in carrying these out, many have gone over into parsimony in the support of the Ministry.

Again, it is in the recollection of many of us, that when some years ago the anti-Missionary spirit ran at its greatest height, a great deal was said even in our midst about money hunting—fleecing the flock, &c. This, though it has in some degree ceased, has left its influence on the minds of many.

Again, with all due defference to the Ministry, we must take the liberty of saying that we think no small share of the apathy of our members in supporting their Ministry, arises from the want of faithfulness on their part, in instructing their flocks in their duty on this point. Ministers say this is a delicate subject; that they fear to handle it. We grant that it is so: but

is it not the duty of Ministers to instruct, admonish and reprove their flocks in all these duties?

Again, we wish to bring to view the fact, that at this very time there are many of our Churches without Pastors, whilst there are Ministers without charges. Does not this argue a wrong state of things among us in some way? Why will our Churches present members for ordination to the sacred calling of preaching the Gospel, unless they are willing to take them as such, and support them? How common it is for a Church to send a licentiate asking for his ordination, when, if soon after she wants a Pastor, she goes away off in search of some one of more capacity or acquirements? Is this right! Is it not calculated to lower this sacred and holy office!

We believe that now, as in the days of the Apostles, there are those who have the gift of prayer, of exhortation, &c., who may not be qualified for Pastors of Churches: that our Churches should be cautions in recommending holy hands to be laid on any person till they were fully satisfied that they were "apt to teach," qualified to rule, no novice, thus prepared to avoid the snares of the enemy and lead others along the straight and narrow way; that Ministers should thus devote themselves wholly to the work of the Ministry whilst the Churches should fully provide for their temporal wants, instead of withholding from them the means of support, and thus loosing their services.

We recommend to Ministers to throw themselves entirely on the Churches. If they will not support them, to shake the dust from off their feet, and go where their services can be appreciated.

To Churches and individual members we say, how have you fulfilled the obligations resting on you to support your Ministers? Can you lay your hand on your heart and say, I have done my duty? If you cannot, how will you answer to Him whom you profess to serve? May it not truly be said to such, you knew your duty but did it not! Let us all then awake to our duty in this matter, and then we have the promise in sacred Writ, that God will pour out His blessing on us. Yes, we fully believe he would do this both temporally and spiritually, that our store houses would be full, and full also with love to God and good will to man.

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on a School or Schools within the bounds of this Association, Report as follows:

They have had the subject under consideration, but it being so recently brought to notice, and is of such importance that we fear to proceed hastily in a work of such magnitude. Yet, we incline to the opinion that a plurality of schools, judiciously situated, each convenient to a portion of the Churches, and sustained by such Churches and their neighborhoods, and annually reviewed by the Association, will be the most elligible plan. In order to effect which, it will be well for the Association now to raise a Committee (or assign the duty to the Executive Committee) scattered through

its bounds, whose duty it shall be to have the concern frequently under consideration, and devise and present the most desirable arrangement to the next meeting of this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. BIDDLE.

The Committee on Obituaries Report: That they have heard with heartfelt sorrow of the unexpected death of our esteemed brother, Stephen Guy, (late Pastor of the Church at Johnson's Meeting House, Duplin county, N. C.,) which occurred at his residence in the county aforesaid, on the 27th day of August last. Brother Guy, like many thoughtless youths, spent the early part of his life in folly and sin; but it pleased his heavenly Master, some years previous to his death, to call him from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto Himself. And no sooner was he brought to see the danger of sin, than he began to *warn others* to "flee from the wrath to come." After his conversion to God, he seemed to enjoy much of the life of religion, and to walk in close converse with his Maker. His talents as a Minister were of no brilliant nature, but his deep piety, his consecrated devotedness, and untiring zeal, had won for him the affections of all who knew him, and thrown around him no small degree of influence.

We have heard also, with no small degree of regret, of the removal from among us by death, of our beloved brother, Henry Moore, who died at his residence in the county of Duplin, on the 30th day of August last, in the fifty-eigth year of his age. To those who were acquainted with this esteemed servant of Christ, the pen of praise can add nothing to the many virtues of which he was possessed. His long acquaintance with us, together with his many acts of public usefulness, will cause his name long to be cherished in our fondest memories. For many years he served his Church as a deacon, with great credit to himself and usefulness to the cause of Christ. In all our public councils he was regarded as a father and a guide, and his opinions were always received with respect, to which their good sense and the kind manner in which they were expressed, entitled them.

Your Committee feel that, in the death of these servants of Christ, our Association has sustained a loss which we despair of seeing soon remedied. Strongly attached to the principles of the denomination of which they were such useful members, they felt a deep interest in all our benevolent institutions and the various plans that are in operation, which they thought would promote the prosperity of the great Baptist family. In closing this imperfect tribute of respect to the memory of departed worth, we would exhort our brethren to imitate their pious examples, and may *we*, like *them*, learn that "to trust in the Lord is great confidence, and that his people shall find a place of refuge." Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TREASURY.

The brother appointed to procure the late Treasurer's Book, and present a Report therefrom, has not been able to make any report in time for these Minutes.

J. D. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated, and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, shall bear from their respectives churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually, a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent followship towards any of her Churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen, and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

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RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding Officer (or in his absence the secratary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve.—When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secratary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

Sidgewick Seminary - Raleigh

J. T. Chiswell

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH,

AT

NEW HOPE MEETING HOUSE, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, 1852.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro. tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th chap., 16th, 17th, and 18th, verses, and all public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking—and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

[Cost of Printing these Minutes, $54 90]

J. T. Alderman

PROCEEDINGS, &c.

New Hope Meeting House, Sampson County, Oct. 1st, 1852.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. W. Wallace, from Romans, 5th chapter, 1st verse—"Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

After a short respite, the Delegates were called together by the Clerk, Elder G. W. Wallace, and select portions of the Scripture were read, and after the singing of a Hymn he addressed the Throne of Grace by prayer.

Brother B. Oliver was elected Moderator pro. tem.

Elders A. B. Alderman and H. McAlpin preached from the stage in the afternoon.

Brethren J. L. Boykin, C. C. Oates, and H. J. Hobbs were appointed the Committee of Finance.

The Church Letters were called for, read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Brethren J. C. Stevenson and G. W. Hufham were appointed to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year. After the balloting was over, they announced G. W. Wallace as elected Moderator, and G. W. Hufham Clerk, and J. L. Boykin Treasurer.

A letter was received from Elder J. M. C. Breaker, from Newbern, which was read and referred to a committee composed of the following brethren, viz: W. P. Biddle, W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, G. Fennell, and J. S. Reynoldson.

Brethren W. P. Biddle, G. W. Hufham, W. H. Jordan, L. F. Williams, and J. A. Parker, were appointed a Committee to prepare business for the action of the Association.

Appointed Brethren C. C. Gordon, H. Smith, J. G. Dickson, J. C. Stevenson, and A. Alderman a Committee to select preachers for the stage during this session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder W. P. Biddle.

Saturday Morning, October 2.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The list of Delegates was called, a portion of the Scriptures read by the Moderator, and a hymn sung, followed with prayer by Elder H. McAlpin. The Association then proceeded to business.

Petitionary letters were called for; whereupon a letter from Shiloh Church, New Hanover County, was received, asking for admission to become a constituent member of the Association. The Association being satisfied of her orthodoxy and soundness in the faith, most heartily received and welcomed her into our body.

Visiting Brethren from Sister Associations and Churches were invited to sit with and assist us in our deliberations; whereon Elder J. A. Reynoldson from Portsmouth (Virginia) Association, and Elder H. McAlpin from the Cape Fear, appeared and were most cordially welcomed to seats, and invited to aid in the deliberations of the Association.

The Committee on the order of business reported. The report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Committee on supply of the stage reported the following as preachers for the Sabbath:—W. P. Biddle. W. Hooper and W. H. Jordan.

Resolved. That the Committee on Finance pay to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, the funds in their hands, designed for the support of our Domestic Missionary operations, to be reported by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

The Committees appointed last year reported:

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report; report received and ordered to be printed. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported; report received and ordered to be printed. (App. C.)

The Committee on a School or Schools within the bounds of the Association, preparatory to Wake Forest College, reported. The report was received and ordered to be printed. (D.)

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report upon the expediency of establishing one or more Schools within the bounds of the Association, preparatory to Wake Forest College.

Whereon the Moderator announced the following Brethren as composing that committee:

W. P. Biddle, W. H. Jordan, B. Oliver, W. Hooper, J. C. Stevenson, Geo. Fennell, G. W. Hufham, C. D. Ellis, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Wallace, H. Miner, and L. Highsmith.

The Association adjourned to hear the Charity Sermon delivered by Elder W. Hooper; after which a collection was taken up, amounting to $43 13.

After a short respite, the Association met for business.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and ordered to be printed. (See E.)

The Committee on the letter of Elder J. M. C. Breaker, reported. The report was received and ordered to be printed. (F.)

Elder W. Hooper, who was sent as one of the delegates from the church of Newbern, having signified his doubts whether he was eligible to a seat in the Association on account of his not being a member of the Newbern church, and declaring his unwillingness that his appointment should constitute a precedent for such irregularity, on motion of J. C. Stevenson, one of the Newbern delegation, it was

Resolved, That no person is eligible to a seat in this body who is not a member of the church which appoints him.

Whereon Elder Hooper expressed his approbation of the resolution, and withdrew his claim to his seat as a delegate; whereon our beloved Bro. Hooper was most affectionately invited to sit with us, and to participate in the business of the Association.

The report of the Executive Committee was received and ordered to be printed. (G.)

Brethren H. Miner, J. C. Stevenson, F. B. Millard, and G. R. French, were appointed a Committee to audit the Executive Committee's Account. Reported all is correct.

Brethren G. Fennell, C. C. Oates, W. P. Biddle, J. Hines, J. G. Dickson and J. L. Boykin, were appointed a Committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the next year.

The report of the Treasurer was received and ordered to be printed.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the next year, reported that they had nominated B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, J. D. Carroll, Laban Carroll, G. W. Hufham, and L. Highsmith. Report agreed to.

The Committee appointed last year to advise with the Mount Gilead Church touching a certain difficulty existing in said Church, reported some progress, and were re-appointed for the same purpose.

On motion, Elders G. W. Hufham and G. Fennell were added to the Committee.

Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Moore's Creek Meeting House, New Hanover County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1853.

The Churches at Goldsboro', Snow Hill, Little Creek, Greenville. Hancock's M. H., and Parker's Chapel, petitioned for letters of dismission to join the Pamlico Association.

Bro. J. C. Stevenson was appointed to write the letter of correspondence to the Chowan Association; G. Fennell, Raleigh; W. M. Kennedy, Portsmouth: L. F. Williams, the Pamlico.

Resolved, That we renew our correspondence with the Cape Fear Association;—that A. B. Alderman write and bear the letter to our sister the

Cape Fear, and that J. A. Parker and C. D. Ellis, with Brother Alderman, be our Delegates.

On motion, the Association adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Elder G. Fennell.

SABBATH.

The services were opened by Elder W. P. Biddle with a discourse founded on 145th Psalm, 11th verse—"They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power."

Elder W. Hooper followed with a discourse founded upon 1st Corinthians, 1st chap., 23d, 24th, and 25th, vs.: "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God; because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

After these solemn and impressive discourses were delivered, the Association adjourned to the Meeting House, where the Lord's Supper was administered. The exercises connected with the Sacrament were most feeling and tender; and no doubt all felt "Surely the Lord is in this place."

The Supper being over, adjourned to the stage again. Elder W. H. Jordan preached the closing discourse, from Mark 14th chap., 8th v.: "She hath done what she could," &c. The congregation was unusually large and attentive. It will be a long time before we shall have the pleasure to listen to three such discourses again in one day.

MONDAY MORNING, October 4th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The list of Delegates was called; a majority being present, the Moderator read the 127th Psalm; and after the singing of a Hymn, Prayer was offered up by Elder L. F. Williams.

Letters of Dismission were granted to the Churches at Goldsboro', Snow Hill, Greenville, Little Creek, Parker's Chapel, and Hancock's M. H., in order to join the Pamlico Association.

Committee on the best method of imparting Religious instruction to our colored population reported. Report received and ordered to be printed. (H.)

On motion of L. F. Williams,—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to arrange and prepare business for the action of the next Association.

Whereon, the Moderator announced as the Committee, B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, J. D. Carroll, L. Carroll, L. Highsmith, and George W. Hufham.

Resolved, That the Association recommend the Churches to appoint some Brother in each Church, whose duty it shall be to attend to the collection of funds to sustain our domestic Missionary operations, and report quarterly, to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we approve of the Ministers within our bounds forming a connection with the Executive Committee, whenever the Committee, Ministers and Churches may think our common cause, and the best interest of the Churches will be promoted thereby.

Letters of Correspondence to sister Associations were handed in, read and approved.

On motion of Brother Miner,

Resolved, That any Brother whose name appears upon our Minutes as a Delegate to this Association, and who may visit any Association with which we correspond, is entitled to represent us in such Association.

Elder L. F. Williams was allowed time to prepare the Letter of Correspondence to the Pamlico Association.

Elders G. W. Wallace and W. Hooper, were appointed Corresponding Delegates to the Chowan Association.

Brothers J. L. Boykin and G. R. French, Raleigh.

B. Oliver, G. W. Wallace, and W. P. Biddle, Pamlico.

Cape Fear—A. B. Alderman, C. D. Ellis, and J. A. Parker.

Portsmouth—Letter by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, to meet in Smithfield, on the 15th of October of this year.

Whereon, the Moderator announced as the Committee, W. H. Jordan, B. Oliver, and C. D. Ellis.

The Committee reported the following as nominated, viz: G. R. French, J. A. Parker, W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, L. Carroll, A. B. Alderman, H. Miner, E. B. Wood, B. Oliver, W. Wright, L. Koonce, A. Alderman, W. M. Kennedy, A. Guy, J. D. Carroll, C. C. Gordon, W. P. Biddle, and S. B. Carroway. To which the Association added G. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, L. Highsmith, J. L. Boykin, H. E. Smith, L. A. Powell, J. W. Dawson, E. C. Coward, J. G. Dickson, Joel Loften, Joshua Loften, D. Glisson, S. S. Biddle, F. Biddle, F. B. Millard, C. Kelly, W. Hooper, G. Fennell, Mac Blount, Josh. Ezzel, C. C. Oates, J. C. Stevenson, G. Newton, G. W. Hufham, O. Fennell, D. Wells, W. B. Wells, and W. Friar.

Committee on a School or Schools preparatory to Wake Forest College, reported. Report received.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO REPORT TO THE NEXT ASSOCIATION.

TEMPERANCE—G. Fennell, L. Highsmith, and O. Alderman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—L. F. Williams, G. R. French, and A. B. Alderman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. Hooper, Z. Slade, L. F. Williams.

BIBLE CAUSE—W. H. Jordan, C. C. Oates, and W. Kennedy.

The Report of the Committee on a School or Schools preparatory to Wake Forest College, was referred to B. Oliver, W. H. Jordan, J. C. Stevenson, W. P. Biddle, J. G. Dickson, and J. L. Boykin, with instructions to report to the next session of this body, what is advisable and practicable to be done in regard to that subject.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed among the Churches; and that the Clerk be paid fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That B. Oliver, J. D. Carroll, and J. G. Dickson be appointed a Committee to visit the Church at Johnson's M. H., to present the case of the widow of the late Stephen Grey, the former Pastor of the Church, and pray the Church to take into consideration her destitute condition.

Elder W. M. Kennedy was appointed to preach the introductory Sermon for the next Association, and W. H. Jordan the Charity Sermon. The Introductory at 11 o'clock; and C. C. Gordon Alternate.

Further time was extended to Elder L. F. Williams to enable him to collect copies of the Minutes of the Cape Fear, Goshen and Neuse Associations, from their origin up to the organization of the Union Association; and from that time up to the present.

Resolved, That the Clerks in each Church in the bounds of this Association, in their next annual Letter to this body, give, if possible, the date of the Constitution of the Church, and the names of the Ministers present, and that assisted in the same.

The Association contributed $27 50 for the relief of Sister Grey, widow of Stephen Grey, deceased.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the inhabitants of this vicinity, for their hospitality displayed during this session.

A proposition by G. R. French, was submitted to the Association, to increase the fund for Domestic Missionary purposes, which was responded to by various members, and the sum of $30 00 was raised immediately.

The business of the Association having been finished, Brother Biddle delivered a very feeling address; and after Prayer, the Moderator announced the Association adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

G. W. HUFHAM, Clerk. G. W. WALLACE, Moderator.

Treasurer of Union Baptist Association, in account:

Received Session 1851	Association Fund	$84 87½	
" " "	Itinerant Fund	34 60	
" " "	Convention	7 00	126 47½
Cash paid C. D. Ellis, Treasurer Itinerant Fund		$36 60	
" "	Convention	7 00	
" "	Clerk Union Ass'tion for services and printing,	84 00	125 60
Amount due by Treasurer			87½

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BOYKIN, Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.		Association Fund.	Foreign Mission Fund.
Wilmington	New Hanover	$5 00	$19 40
Mount Holly	do	3 00	
Moore's Creek	do	4 50	
Lebanon	do	2 76	
Wells' Chapel	do	3 25	
Shiloh	do	2 00	
Bethlehem	do	3 00	
Marshall's Meeting House	do	2 10	
Bethel	Sampson	3 35	
Lisbon	do	2 00	
Mount Gilead	do	2 00	
New Hope	do	4 45	
Boykin's Chapel	do	3 00	
White Oak	do	2 00	
Pleasant Spring	do	1 00	
Fork Meeting House	do	1 50	
Pleasant Union	do	1 50	
Salem	do	1 50	
Beulah	do	2 35	
Piney Grove	do	2 00	
Thunder Swamp	Wayne	1 50	
Falling Creek	do	2 00	
Bear Marsh	Duplin	4 75	
Johnson's Meeting House	do	2 75	
Beaver Dam	do	3 25	
Concord	do	3 25	
Berea	do	2 00	
Island Creek	do	2 05	
Limestone	do	2 25	
Newbern	Craven	5 00	30 00
Harriet's Chapel	Lenoir	2 00	
		$83 06	$49 40

The Committee on Finance report the above, viz: $83 06 as the amount of Association Fund now on hand, and $49 40 as the Foreign Mission Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. BOYKIN, Treasurer.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Exclude.	Died.	White.	Black.	Total.
Wilmington,.....New Hanover.....	W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, J. A. Parker,	2	3					4	199	119	298
Mount Holly.....do.....	L. Carroll, T. Lee, T. Allen,	36	4						63	13	76
Moore's Creek,.....do.....	O. Alderman, A. Alderman, J. T. Moore,	5		1	1	36			96	36	132
Olive Branch,.....do.....	Not represented,										
Bethlehem,.....do.....	J. F. Herring, A. S. Lewis, R. W. Pridgen,	15				2	2		76	5	81
Marshall's,.....do.....	G. W. Marshall, J. M. Flinn, W. H. Pridgen,	1	1					1			34
Lebanon,.....do.....	G. Fennell, C. B. Corbett, J. W. Taylor,	1	1			3		2	33	21	54
Wells' Chapel,.....do.....	L. Highsmith, N. Highsmith, J. T. Newton,		3			28	2	2	76	47	123
Riley's Creek,.....do.....	Not represented.										
Shiloh,.....do.....	G. A. Herring, J. T. Bland, R. Eakins,								42	14	56
Bethel,.....Sampson.....	A. B. Alderman, W. Fryer, A. Johnson,	9					1	1	66	16	82
Lisbon,.....do.....	A. Herring, W S. Rackley, R. Herring,					12		3	46	2	48
Mount Gilead,.....do.....	L. A. Powell, J. Vann, W. Peterson,		1			4					57
New Hope,.....do.....	C. C. Gordon, C. C. Oates, J. R. Ezzle,		4	1			2		111	23	134
Boykin's Chapel,.....do.....	J. L. Boykin, H. J. Hobbs, F. R. Peterson,	5	6	3		2	7	2	106	60	166
White Oak,.....do.....	W. Vann, H. Bennett, T. M. Vann,	2			1				41	6	47
Pleasant Springs,.....do.....	W. Lockman, H. Simmons, R. Smith,							1			38
Forker's Meeting House,.....do.....	J. B. Highsmith, A. M. Blackman, L. Rich,		10			1	4		31	10	41
Pleasant Union,.....do.....	E. Fisher, J. Faircloth, A. Hall,					1	5	1	55	5	60
Salem,.....do.....	T. Underwood, J. A. R. Howard, A. J. Cooper,										64
Brown's Meeting House.....do.....	Not represented.										
Beulah,.....do.....	L. F. Williams, McBlount, F. B. Millard,	1		1		2			50	13	63
Piney Grove,.....do.....	J. King, J. A. Darden, J. Hines,		2			1	1	1	43	16	59
Roan,.....do.....											
Mount Zion,.....Bladen.....											
French's Creek,.....do.....									25	21	46
Thunder Swamp,.....Wayne.....	G W. Wallace, A. Flowers, O. Norris,								14	3	17
Falling Creek,.....do.....	G. S. Peterson, J. R. Parker,	2	3			5		2	21	6	27
Goldsboro',.....do.....	H. Miner, Justice Daniel,	5						1	101	64	165
Bear Marsh,.....Duplin.....	B. Oliver, W. Wright, J. G Dickson,	3		1			3	2	129	85	214
Johnson's Meeting House,.....do.....	R. Best, W. M. Kennedy, A. Guy,								50	58	
Kenansville,.....do.....	G. W. Hufham, Levi Moore,										

Beaver Dam,	do	J. D. Carroll, L. Bass, J. W. Swinson,	2	1				2		59	38	97
Concord,	do	J. Taylor, J. Boon, W. B. Wells,		2			3	5	1	83	22	105
Berea,	do	H. Murray, D. Murray, F. Savage,	8	1	1		1	3		41	12	53
Island Creek,	do	J. Cavanaugh, R. Wallace, A. Kilpatrick,					1	1	2	68	10	78
Limestone,	do	J. Dobson, W. H. Kennedy, Sanderland,	3					2	1	48	28	76
Piney Grove,	Jones											
Brice's Creek,	Craven											
Newbern,	do	W. Hooper, J. C. Stevenson, W. D. O'Leary,	1	3		1	2	1	4	87	15	102
Concord,	Beaufort											
Washington,	do											
Beaufort,	Carteret	By Letter,	1						1			23
Warren's Meeting House,	do											
Parker's Chapel,	Pitt	A. G. Jordan,										
Greenville,	do	G. W. Johnson,										
Hancock's,	do	W. H. Smith,										
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir	W. P. Biddle, S. B. Carroway, S. S. Biddle, N. Askew,			4					36	10	46
Union Chapel,	Onslow											
Little Creek,	Greene	J. C. C. Jenkins, J. Weatherington,										
Snow Hill,	do											

Dr. Chas. D. Ellis, in Account Current with the Executive Committee, Cr.

1851—		1851—By balance due from old account,	$6 30
Oct. 4—To Cash from Bear Marsh Church, pledge due in 1850,	$1 00	By Bear Marsh pledge, due 1850,	20 00
J. L. Boykin, Donation,	5 00	Oct. 8—By cash paid H. Miner,	10 00
W. Jones, do.	5 00	Nov. 29 " " " A. Guy, two months' salary,	40 00
W. P. Biddle, do.	10 00	By cash paid C. W. Bessent, two months' salary,	20 00
Sister Carroway, by J. M'Daniel,	1 00	By cash paid N. Askew, donation,	10 00
Sabbath collection at Little Creek,	25 00	By cash paid postage	78
Nov. 28—L. Carroll, Donation,	2 50	1852—	
J. D. Carroll, do.	2 50	Jan.—" " " N. Askew, three months' salary,	60 00
A. Guy, Collection,	5 25	By cash paid A. Guy, two and one-quarter months' salary,	45 00
C. W. Bessent, do.	1 92	By cash paid H. Miner,	82 66
Dec. 1—J. Wood, Donation,	10 00	May—" " " A. Guy 3 months' salary,	60 00
N. Askew, collection, (Jacksonville,)	2 60	By cash paid A. B. Alderman,	10 00
1852 N. Askew, do. Dover S. H.,	2 40	" " " H. Miner,	125 00
Feb'y—G. W. Hufham, Donation,	5 00	" " " N. Askew, donation,	15 00
B. Oliver, do.	10 00	June—By cash 24 Hymn Books, 46c.	11 04
Union Chapel, (H. Miner,)	25 00	July—" " 24 " " 46c.	11 04
Goldsboro' Church, do.	25 00	" " 6 " " large 63c.	3 78
Collection at Island Creek,	13 00	Sept.—By cash paid 12 Hymn Books, large size, 63c.,	7 56
Bible Fund from J. L. Boykin,	32 10	By cash 12 Hymn Books, small, 47c.,	5 64
Kenansville church, Kornegay,	5 00	Oct.—By cash paid A. Guy, 4 mos. salary,	80 00
Roan Church, G. W. W.	2 25	By cash paid G. W. Wallace,	40 00
A Deceased Brother, Newton,	3 00		663 80
E. Benton, do.	25	Cash in Treasury,	121 41
A. Alderman, do.	1 00		$785 21
Colored C. Congregation, do.	45		
J. J. Newton,	50		
S. A. Blanton,	10		
Harriet's Chapel, (H. Miner,)	37 50		
Union do. do.	32 00		
Goldsboro' Church do.	25 00		
Collection at Kenansville,	15 00		
Sept.—S. B. Carroway, Donation,	9 92		
Oct.—Haw Bluff, A. Guy,	1 50		
White Oak Church, do.	5 00		
Bro. Watkins, do.	10		
Lebanon Church,	15 03		
Bethel Church,	5 75		
Falling Creek do.	3 25		
Newbern do.	10 00		
Wilmington do.	100 00		
Do. do. colored,	1 50		
Bear Marsh do.	45 00		
do. do. Congregation,	13 60		
Mt. Holly Church,	9 30		
Mt. Gilead do.	10 00		
Beulah do.	8 56		
New Hope do.	10 00		
Concord do.	10 00		
Beera do.	30 80		
Union Chapel,	15 00		
Wells' do.	21 82		
Limestone,	1 10		
Beverdam Church,	11 75		
Bethlehem do.	9 15		
Kaintuck do.	32 25		
State Convention,	12 00		
Piney Grove,	10 00		
Moore's Creek,	18 50		
Boykin's Chapel,	18 20		
Sale of Books,	30 60		
Johnson Church,	8 55		
Colored People, A. Guy,	66		
	$785 21		$785 21

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

New Hope, Sampson County, October 2nd, 1852.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

The Committee of Arrangements, for want of time from the pressure of other important business, beg leave to refer the Association to the proceedings of last year, and to the usual routine of business on such occasions.

W. P. BIDDLE, Chm'n.

(B.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions ask leave to present the following thoughts to your notice:

Missions to the heathen and the destitute, are a necessary part of the fulfilment of the great commission. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and the good work revived a little more than a half century ago, promises to spread until it shall encompass the ends of the earth. It seems very strange that any christian, and especially a Baptist of our order, should be found to oppose a work which, from its success and happy progress is so evidently from God. The "handful of corn in the top of the mountains" seems to increase, and appear like the shaking of Lebanon. Yet, permit us to say, that while we approve and prayerfully wish success to Foreign Missions, there is a work in our midst and all over our country, that for its magnitude and importance may affect our hearts and fill our hands. Millions of human beings, emigrants and others, as forlorn and irreligious as the heathen themselves, all intermingled with our fellow citizens in all the States. These, with the growing infidelity, impiety and ever varying errorists which are greatly on the increase, call for the sleepless vigilance, the unfaltering perseverance and effort of all christians, and of the Union Association. The considerations taken in connexion with your wishes in regard to Schools, would seem to forbid, at least for the present, any very prominent and seperate action on Foreign Missions, while we should not neglect to cherish a kind feeling and lend a helping hand to the herald of the Cross engaged in distant fields.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. P. BIDDLE, Chm'n.

(C.)

The Committee, to whom was referred at the last session of the Association the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report:

Dear Brethren: This subject has been written upon time after time, until we hardly know what to write; and were it not that it is of such vast importance, we would say that the subject is exhausted. But when we think what has been accomplished by Sabbath Schools, as a means, when conducted and carried on in a proper manner—and when we reflect how many precious souls will be found in glory, who have been converted to God while attending the Sabbath School, who in all probability would have lived and died without God and hope in the world, had not this great and benevolent institution been established in our land. Volume after volume has been written upon this subject; report after report and still the theme is not exhausted. And when we take a view of our land and see so many children who are desecrating the Sahbath by being suffered to stroll over the fields aad swamps either fishing or hunting, or both; and many of these the children of professors of religion, we would then ask what must be done to supply the neglect of that important command of God, "Train up a child as he should go;" and again, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." The subject is not exhausted, it still demands our attention. It has claims upon us as a religious body, as Ministers, and as christians, of no small import. It calls for action, and it calls for it now. Look around, my brethren, and see how many children there are that have been neglected in this way, and who have just crossed the line of accountability and are going down to the grave under the tears and prayers of weeping parents. O, brethren, arouse, and arouse at once to this most neglected subject. Slumber

not in carnal security. The enemy is abroad in our land, slaying his thousands, and the blood of the slain cries to God against us from the ground.

Your Committee would therefore recommend—What? There has been so many recommendations, and so little done, we feel that we shall be guilty before God if we stop at a mere recommendation. But what can we do more? O, Lord help us to think—help us to do, as well as think—help us to call upon every church in the bounds of this Association to think, and also to act upon this important subject. We, therefore, recommend every Minister in the Association to bring this subject before his charge, and try to have a Sabbath School established at every church he attends. We also call the attention of the churches to this important subject. Reflect and pray that the Lord may give you wisdom from on high, and willing hearts to go forward in this great work of moral reform.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

(D.)

The Committee on a School or Schools within the bounds of the Association, preparatory to Wake Forest College, ask leave to present the following remarks:

We view the subject under consideration as one of considerable magnitude, both as regards the undertaking and the consequences to be hoped for from it. A single School or Academy within the bounds of the Association was first contemplated. This plan we have turned over in our reflections, and think we perceive that it is liable to some objections.

1st. It would make it necessary for all except those living in the immediate neighborhood of such location, to send their sons and others a distance from home, and in some cases as far as it would be to the College itself.

2nd. To be of general benefit, there must be a large outlay to fit up accommodations for the many who ought to attend, consequently the expenses for board and tuition would approach those of the College it might be thought too nearly. On the whole, would it not rather be better to enlarge the College already organized, than to attempt a seperate institution, with the inconveniencies attending it as is usual in the beginning and early progress of such an effort.

We have also had under consideration the Free Schools as established by law, and think it worth a careful and patient inquiry, whether there might not be a more general interest excited in their behalf and a more generous spirit infused for their support and continued progress, and constant operation, and greater perfection. How this can be done and what action may be taken by the Association to impart, or aid in imparting, to them a more constant operation and a more vigorous and efficient advancement, is, we beg leave to say, worthy of your mature reflection. It is very apparent that a Normal School is needed and should be encouraged, and soon put into operation somewhere by some body. It is, we think, the legitimate business and duty of the Legislature, as a necessary and twin concern with the Free School system, which originated very honorably with that body, and which yet requires and receives their fostering care; and it may be added, it behooves the higher institutions of learning within our State to have some appendage to their establishments, bearing directly on that subject. And we would, with all due deference, beg leave to ask the early attention of the Trustees of Wake Forest College to that important subject. A third view of the subject has occupied our minds; that, if it be desirable and advisable to establish places of learning within our bounds, that we begin with three instead of one. Let them be located in healthy situations and populous neighborhoods, say for instance one Academy at Beaufort; another in some of the Pine regions of Lenoir; and a third at some point between Goldsboro' and Wilmington, all to be nursed

and enlarged as prudence might dictate or means justify. These might be increased in after years as different communities might see proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. BIDDLE, Chm'n.

(E.)

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance at your last session, beg leave to report:

It is with a mingled degree of pleasure and pain that we communicate to you at this session: First—we are pleased to inform you, that during the past year much has been accomplished by the advocates of temperance. Many that heretofore were opposers both of its principles and organizations, have been constrained to yield up their prejudices and connect themselves with some temperance organization. Many that thought it a credit to indulge in the (so called) social glass, now look upon the slightest use of spiritous liquors as being both dangerous and degrading.

Through the instrumentality of the numerous temperance organizations, temperance lectures and the diffusion of light and information from the press, the reformation seems to be spreading far and wide, embracing within its philanthropic arms almost every class of society; from the most refined down to the most ignorant and rude. The church, too, seems to be arousing from her slumbering error,—and is now teaching her members that it is a fatal wrong for them to engage in the manufacture or sale of the DEMON—ALCHOHOL—for the sake of money;—and that for them to use it as a beverage is a practice fraught with the greatest moral evil. All these important facts cannot fail to afford pleasure to the friends of good morals and true religion, and to inspire them with the strongest hope of a successful effort over the advocates of intemperance. But on the other hand we are pained to inform you, that yet there are those within our bounds who through early prejudices, or a desire to gratify an unholy appetite, still rise up in opposition to the temperance reform. We are pained also, to inform you that there are some ministers who withhold their influence from us by opposing the reformation either directly or indirectly; and in the humble opinion of your committee, if they "gather not with us they scatter abroad."

We close this imperfect report by recommending the following resolutions to your consideration:

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend our ministers generally to use their utmost influence for the suppression of intemperance and the promotion of the total abstinence principle.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we recommend the churches within our bounds to co-operate with their ministers and engage in pushing forward the glorious car of Temperance; and that each individual member set the example by sacredly abstaining from the use of all intoxicating liquors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

[F.]

The Committee on the Letter received from Brother Breaker, have considered the subject, and report as follows:

The letter being from an individual, and not from those named as a part of the Church, and there being no request or intimation in the Church letter for any action of the Association, as well as the absence of the requisite representation of the occurrences alledged; and knowing that, according to our usual discipline, any Church can call to her aid members of other Churches, when they may think proper; we have come to the conclusion, that any further action of the Association is unnecessary.

W. P. BIDDLE, Ch'n.

[G.]

The Executive Committee of the Union Association submit their annual Report:

Dear Brethren:—Permit us to render you an account of our proceedings for the past year. At the last session of the Association the Executive Committee engaged Brother Askew to preach at various stations, in the counties of Jones, Craven, Onslow and Carteret: and Brother Guy in parts of the counties of Duplin, New Hanover, Sampson and Bladen.

At a special meeting of the Committee, held in Wilmington during the session of the Convention, Brother Bassent was engaged to labor in the limits of the Association one month.

Our first regular meeting was held at Parker's Chapel, in Pitt county, on the 28th, 29th and 30th days of November, when we received reports from those brethren engaged in the Itinerant service. Brother Bassent reported one month's service; but owing to the inclemency of the weather, and on account of his appointments not having been sufficiently known, no special interest seems to have been excited.

Brother Guy reports constant service from the 8th of October, up to the time of the meeting. Had baptised six, and received two for baptism; and had received from the Church at Bethel $5 25. Congregation large and attentive.

Re-appointed to the same field, with the exception of French's Creek, which has been dropped from the list of his preaching stations.

Brother Miner's labors have been mostly devoted to Goldsboro', Kinston, Falling Creek, and Snow Hill; and has occasionally held conference and prayer meetings at other places; has preached every Sabbath—baptised two, and seems to be greatly encouraged in the work. Continued in the same field.

Brother Askew was prevented by sickness from engaging in the work at all. Re-appointed to the same field.

The second quarterly meeting was held with the Church at Island Creek, Duplin county, on the 27th, 28th, and 29th days of February. Reports were received from brethren Miner, Guy and Askew.

Brother Miner has labored during this quarter with the Churches at Goldsboro', Harriet's Chapel and Union;—has baptised 1, and received 2 by letter, and 1 restored; has organized a Sabbath School at Goldsboro'; is encouraged to go on in the good work, and thinks his labors have not been in vain.

Brother Askew's labors have been confined to the Counties of Onslow and Jones. Reports a deep interest on the subject of religion to have been awakened in his field, with a request that the Committee send some one to preach the word of life to them. Appointed to the same field.

Brother Guy has been detained from his labors by sickness in his family to a considerable extent. Assisted in the ordination of a Deacon; preached with brother Newton three days at Bethel, where eight persons were baptized; and two days with brother Kennedy at Limestone M. H., where two more were baptized. Congregations good and prospects encouraging. Re-appointed to his former field.

Brother Miner has operated in his former field with great encouragement;—congregations large and attentive, and is gratified to know that undue prejudices are passing away. Appointed to the same field.

The Third Quarterly Meeting was held with the Church at Kenansville, on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of May.

We have received no report from brother Askew for this quarter, but hear he has been prostrated by sickness, so that he has been unable to occupy his field at all. The Committee, as an act of justice, allowed him $15.

Brother Guy has preached to large congregations; assisted in the constitution of a Church at Taylor's Branch, in New Hanover County, called Shiloh, one of his preaching stations. Regards the prospect as encouraging in every way.

Brother Miner continued in his former field, with the addition of Piney Grove, Jones county, to his stations, and relied upon his Churches for his support.

The Committee paid brother A. B. Alderman $10 for services rendered during a part of *this session*.

Our last session was held at brother H. Smith's, on the 30th September.

Brother Askew has been seriously indisposed for the last six months; unable to preach in his field at all. And as there is no probability of his being able to support his family, or of his ability to engage again in the service of his Churches only to a very limited extent, we most affectionately recommend him to the Christian sympathy and affection of the Churches.

Brother Guy has operated with great success in his field;—baptized twenty persons, assisted in the ordination of two Deacons at Shiloh Church, and feels encouraged to hold on in the good work.

Brother Wallace, under the supervision of the Committee, still serves the Churches in his field. Has baptized sixty persons, and held protracted meetings at several places. His report abounds with cheering intelligence.

Dear Brethren, the work we are engaged in is a work of great importance, and as our

stewardships must be of short tenure, let us all come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." We must "soon go the way of all the earth;" let us "therefore work while it is day, for behold the night cometh when no man can work."

All of which is respectfully submitted. B. OLIVER, Chairman.

(H.)

REPORT

On the Best Method of Imparting Religious Instruction to our Colored Population.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the best method of communicating religious instruction to our colored population, present the following report:

We regard it as a favorable indication of the increasing enlightenment of conscience, and growing sense of religious duty, that the Association has appointed this as a subject of inquiry, and called for an investigation of its claims. It is not to be denied, but must be candidly confessed, that the religious public in our Southern States have been too insensible to their duty in this particular, and we fear it will have to be acknowledged that our denomination have been more tardy and reluctant than some others, to make suitable provision for the spiritual wants of this neglected race. Their inability, to a great extent, to read the Scriptures, makes it more imperatively the duty of masters to provide them with other means of grace compatible with their circumstances.—We have not realized sufficiently our responsibility for the salvation of these our dependents. We have not considered how much their happiness and their good conduct, even in this life, would be promoted by storing their minds with christian knowledge, and awakening their consciences to christian obligations. Had we nothing farther in view than the benefit of the masters, and the peace and safety of society, we ought to take pains to give to our colored population the virtues of the christian character.

As to the best means of promoting this, and those which occur to your committee as the most suitable, the most efficient, and unexceptionable, are the following:—That a plan be put in operation which is pursued in some of the States South of us, and in some parts of our own State, viz: that times and places of worship be appointed on our own plantations, where the owners thereof desire it, and missionaries be employed to visit these places periodically, to preach to the slaves of one or more plantations, as the judgment and convenience of the masters might dictate. Such meetings to be held in strict accordance with the statute of the State in such cases provided for. We hear that this method is pursued by wealthy planters in South Carolina and Georgia, and that its results are satisfactory to the owners, and most acceptable and salutary to the slaves themselves. Again, we recommend that all meeting-houses be so constructed as to make provision for the accommodation of the colored hearers, and that ministers bear in mind that these constitute a part of the souls committed to their charge, for whom they must be accountable to the Lord of the harvest, and that therefore they should adapt their ministrations to their benighted minds, and show them, by turning the face to them as to the rest of the audience, and urging upon them the duties and suggesting the consolations especially suited to their situation, that they are cared for and recognized as accountable beings, and welcome to all the privileges of Christ's blessed kingdom, both in this world and the next.

In addition to these public modes of instruction, we severally recommend to all slaveholders to make a conscience of reading the Scriptures to their servants on the Sabbath day, and of giving them the offer and opportunity of attending family worship, whenever practicable. To make family worship attractive and profitable to them, let the heads of the family take pains to perform the service in a lively and animated manner—to select the most striking and interesting passages of Scripture, and to make singing a large part of domestic worship—choosing plain, popular, affecting hymns, and singing the same over and over again, until they are fixed in the memory and can be sung without the book. Thus, besides the delight and profit received at the time, there will be a large stock of religious truth and sentiment stored up in their minds, supplying them with materials for entertainment and edification during their evenings in their own houses, and a foundation for religious improvement and comfort, should the vicissitudes of their situation ever remove them from other means of grace. We also recommend to the sons and daughters of our christian families, as an employment most pleasing to God, and one that will be a source of future satisfaction to themselves, to seize opportunities of teaching the house-servants that are about their persons, passages of scripture and verses of hymns, as leisure may occur. What a subject for inexpressible delight, if we can thus be the means of saving the souls of our domestics, and learning afterwards that these few seeds scattered on our right and on our left, as we were passing along the journey of life, have produced a harvest of eternal life to those whom God's providence subjected to our control and introduced to the bosom of our families. And if thence our conscientious endeavors should be blessed and prospered of God, what a present reward should we reap in the improved character of our domestics, and securing our beloved children from the contamination of their vicious and debasing society and example. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HUFHAM, Chairman.

The above report was written by Brother HOOPER.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated and known as the Union Baptist Association.
2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.
3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.
4. The Delegates thus selected, should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.
5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.
6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."
7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.
8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.
9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which Committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.
10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.
11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.
12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.
13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.
14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.
15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding Officer (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.
2. The Presiding Officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.
3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.
4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.
5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.
6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.
7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.
9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.
10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH,

AT

MOORE'S CREEK MEETING HOUSE, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, N. C.,

September 30th, and October 1st, 2d and 3d, 1853.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1st. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year, for the transaction of business, also special meetings whenever requisite.

2nd. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3rd. At every conference, the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro. tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4th. The clerk shall keep a church book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names of members are called.

5th. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6th. A door shall be opened for reception of members, and in every instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7th. Every subject for the consideration of conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9th. No member shall withdraw from the conference without permission from the Moderator.

10th. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Mat. 18th chap., 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and all public offenees, or such as operate against the peace of the church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11th. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12th. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking —and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13th. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

PROCEEDINGS.

Moore's Creek, New Hanover County, }
September 30th, 1853. }

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. M. Kennedy—Isaiah, 35th chapter, 1st verse—"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken ye people; let the earth hear and all that is therein; the world and all things that come forth of it."

After a short respite, the Delegates were called together by the Moderator, Elder G. W. Wallace; the 84th Psalm was read, and after the singing of a Hymn, he addressed the Throne of Grace by prayer.

Elders L. F. Williams and A. Grey were appointed to preach from the stage, in the afternoon.

The Church Letters were called for, read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled; a majority being present, proceeded to organization.

Brethren B. Oliver and C. D. Ellis were appointed to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year; and after the balloting was over, they announced G. W. Wallace elected as Moderator, G. W. Hufham, Clerk, and J. L. Boykin, Treasurer.

Brethren L. Highsmith, J. L. Boykin, and Hinton E. Car, were appointed the Committee of Finance.

Brethren B. Oliver, W. H. Jordan, H. E. Car, and L. High-

smith, were appointed a Committee to prepare business for the action of the Association.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum might be read.

Appointed G. W. Wallace, O. Alderman, A. Alderman, and C. D. Ellis, a Committee to supply the stage with preachers during the session.

The Committee on the order of business reported. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Prayer by W. B. Kennedy.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 1.

The Association met according to adjournment. The list of Delegates was called over, a majority being present, the Moderator read 122nd Psalm, and after the singing of a Hymn, Elder L. F. Williams prayed.

Petitionary Letters were called for.

Called for Delegates and Letters of Correspondence from sister Associations.

A Letter of Correspondence was received from the Cape Fear Association.

Visiting Ministers and Brethren were invited to sit with us.

Committees appointed at the last session to report to this Association were called upon to report.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report ordered to be printed. (See App. B.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (See App. C.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions having failed to report, L. F. Williams reported on that subject. (See App. D.)

Called for Petitionary Letters:

The Committee on the Mount Gilead Church case reported, that the difficulty had been amicably adjusted; whereon the Committee was discharged.

On motion, W. Hooper, D. D., was appointed to preach the Charity Sermon, on Sabbath of our next session.

A. Royal was appointed to write the letter of correspondence to the Cape Fear; Hinton E. Carr, to the Raleigh; S. J. Faison, to the Chowan; and J. P. Montague, to the Pamlico Associations.

Resolved, That we open a correspondence with the Tar River Association, and that G. W. Hufham write the letter.

The Committee upon a School or Schools reported, and was discharged. (See App. E.)

The Executive Committee reported. (See App. F.)

A collection to aid the Church at Beaufort in finishing their house of worship, was taken up, amounting to about $100.

A. Royal, J. P. Faison, and Joel Loftin, were appointed a Committee to audit the Executive Committee's Account. Reported all correct.

J. L. Boykin, Treasurer of the Association, handed in his report, which was referred to Brethren Andres, J. Oates, and J. W. Taylor, who reported all correct.

L. F. Williams, A. Brown, and G. W. Marshall, were appointed a Committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the next year. The Committee nominated B. Oliver, L. Carroll, J. D. Carroll, L. Highsmith, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, and G. W. Hufham. The nomination was confirmed.

The Executive Committee was appointed to prepare business for the action of the next Association.—Took a recess of half an hour.

Appointed W. H. Jordan, B. Oliver, and J. L. Boykin, a Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention. The report was confirmed. (See App. G.)

Resolved, That the next session of the Association be held with the Church at Buelah, Sampson County, to convene on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1854.

Resolved, That G. W. Wallace be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and that G. W. Hufham be his alternate.

Resolved, That any member of the Association who may attend the Convention, may be a Delegate until the number to which we are entitled shall be full.

Resolved, That the Clerk have fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among the Churches; and that he be paid by the Treasurer, fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That W. H. Jordan, B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, and G. W. Hufham, be a Committee on Special Charges, and that time be given them to prepare their Report.

Elder L. F. Williams, who was appointed to collect copies of the Minutes of the Cape Fear, Neuse, Goshen, and Union Associations, from their organizations to the present time, presented the collection as far as he could obtain them, and as there was a deficiency in the collection, Brother Williams was requested to prosecute this work, so as to make a complete collection.

A vote of thanks was given to Brother Williams for the zeal and industry manifested in the prosecution of this work, and the Treasurer ordered to pay him ten dollars to remunerate him for expenses already incurred.

Resolved, That as soon as the missing copies can be found, or in the event that they cannot be obtained, W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, and L. F. Williams, have the collection bound, for preservation and future reference.

Resolved, That G. W. Hufham, B. Oliver, and A. Royal, be appointed a Committee on Periodicals.

The Association received a communication from sundry citizens at Strickland's Depot and its vicinity, in regard to the propriety of establishing a first class school at that place, which, after a pleasant interchange of expression by various Brethren, was referred to the following Brethren: B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, J. D. Carroll, L. Carroll, L. Highsmith, H. E. Carr, G. W. Hufham, L. G. Bass, L. Oates, W. M. Kennedy, M. J. Taylor, A. W. Carlton, and Abner Faison.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by W. H. Jordan.

MONDAY MORNING, October 3.

Met according to adjournment. The list of Delegates was called, a majority being present, the Moderator read 48th Psalm, and after the singing of a Hymn, Elder G. W. Hufham prayed.

The Committee upon Periodicals reported. (See App. H.)

S. J. Faison's Letter of Correspondence to the Chowan Association was read and approved, and W. H. Jordon, J. P. Faison, and S. J. Faison, appointed Delegates to that Association.

A. Royal's letter to the Cape Fear was read and approved, and A. B. Alderman, W. M. Kennedy, and Jethro Oates, were appointed Delegates to her next session.

J. P. Montague's letter to the Pamlico was read and approved, and J. P. Montague, and L. F. Williams, were appointed Delegates to her meeting.

G. W. Hufham's letter to the Tar River Association was read and approved, and G. W. Wallace, C. D. Ellis, and B. Oliver, were appointed Delegates to represent us in that meeting.

Hinton E. Carr's letter to the Raleigh Association was read and approved, and W. M. Kennedy, J. Hines, and Jeth. Oates, were appointed delegates to meet with her at her next session.

Resolved, That S. J. Faison be added to the Committee upon a School at Strickland's Depot, and that a quorum of the Executive Committee, in the absence of the other members of the Committee should they fail to attend, is duly authorized to act in regard to such arrangements as may be deemed advisable to meet the wishes of the patrons and the Association.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance pay over to the Treasurer the funds in hand.

The following Committees were appointed, to report to the next Association:

G. W. Wallace, A. Royal, and J. D. Carroll—on Temperance.

W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, and A. Alderman—on Sabbath Schools.

G. W. Hufham, J. P. Faison, and P. Rackley—on Foreign Missions.

W. M. Kennedy, A. Brown, and J. Hines—on the Bible Cause.

W. Hooper, W. H. Jordan, and G. W. Hufham—on General and Ministerial Education.

A. Royal, H. E. Carr, and S. J. Faison—on Periodicals.

On the condition of Churches, the following Committees were appointed:

Union Chapel, Onslow County—W. M. Kennedy, J. Loftin, and Thos. Brooks.

Washington and Concord—J. P. Montague, B. Oliver, and S. S. Biddle.

French's Creek—A. Guy, S. F. Wilson, S. Andres, and R. Corbett.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association is hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality manifested to the Association, during our session with them.

Resolved, That G. W. Wallace, W. H. Jordan, W. Hooper, L. F. Williams, and G. W. Hufham, be a presbytery to assist in the ordination of G. M. L. Finch, at such time as the Church at Wilmington may designate.

Resolved, That the Association recommend the Churches to observe the first Monday in December as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty, for the prosperity of the Churches and the conversion of the world.

The business of the Association having been disposed of, and the hour of separation arrived, the Delegates, in view of the great destitution of Ministers to preach the Gospel of the son of God to the perishing and destitute, went into solemn covenant with each other, to retire between the hours of eight and ten o'clock every night during life, to pray the great head of the church to send forth more laborers into his harvest.—The importance of the subject—the amount of destitution in our midst—the removal of that father in Israel—W. P. Biddle;—the aged Ministers, with locks blooming for the grave, who were present, and the solemnity of the covenant obligation, all conspired to impress every heart with the deepest awe and veneration. The Brethren and Sisters and all who witnessed that solemn and life-lasting agreement, were unable to restrain their tears. Many went away with resolves to live more to God and eternity than they had ever done before.—

A parting hymn was sung, and Brother Kennedy offered the closing prayer.

Thus closed one of the best meetings it has ever been our privilege of attending, and with the kindest feelings which the human heart is capable of expressing. They took the parting hand and said—Farewell.

The services on Sabbath was interrupted by a shower of rain. Elder G. W. Hufham was compelled to adjourn from the stage to the Meeting-house, where he and Elder W. H. Jordan preached. The rain being over, Elder A. Guy preached from the stage, assisted by Elder L. F. Williams. The congregation was serious and attentive—the services solemn and impressive.

G. W. WALLACE, Moderator.

GEORGE W. HUFHAM, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Union Baptist Association submits the following as his Annual Report:

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To amount of funds for 1851,		87½
Association fund, 1852,	83	06
Foreign Mission Fund,	49	40
	$133	33½

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Sent to the Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Mission fund,	$49	40	
For Printing Minutes,	54	90	
For Clerk's services,	15	00	—119 30
Leaving now in hand,			$14 03½

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. BOYKIN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.		Association Fund.	Foreign Mission Fund.	Education Fund.
Wilmington,	New Hanover	$5 00	$39 06	
Sabbath School Collection			14 60	
Mount Holly,	do	2 00		
Moore's Creek,	do	5 30		
Olive Branch,	do	2 00		
Marshall's Meeting House,	do	1 85		
Bethlehem,	do	2 50		
Lebanon,	do	2 50		
Wells' Chapel,	do	3 50		
Shiloh,	do	3 17		
Bethel,	Sampson	3 15		
Lisbon,	do	2 25		
Mount Gilead,	do	3 00		
New Hope,	do	3 50		
Boykin's Chapel,	do	3 00		
White Oak,	do	2 25		
Pleasant Springs,	do	1 00		
Fork Meeting House,	do	1 50		
Salem,	do	2 00		
Brown's Meeting House,	do	3 00		
Piney Grove,	do	2 25		
Roan,	do	3 00		
Falling Creek,	Wayne	1 50		
Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	3 50		
Johnson's Meeting House,	do	2 60		
Beaver Dam,	do	4 00		
Concord,	do	4 50		
Berea,	do	2 25		
Island Creek,	do	5 00		
Limestone,	do	2 75		
Piney Grove,	Jones	1 00		
Newbern,	Craven	3 00		
Warren's Meeting House,	Carteret	1 50		
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir	2 00		
Buelah,	Sampson	2 00		
Thunder Swamp,	Wayne	1 50		
Mount Zion,	Bladen	1 50		5 00
Riley's Creek,	New Hanover	2 00		
		$98 30	$53 66	$5 00

By reference to the columns it will be seen that there has been received at this session, $98 30 for the Association Fund; $53 66 for the Foreign Missions, and $5 00 for Educational purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. HIGHSMITH, Ch'm.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	White.	Black.	Total.
Wilmington,.....New Hanover.....	W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, A. Alderman,.....	19	15	2	....	13	10	5	202	124	326
Mount Holly,.....do.....	L. Carroll, S. T. Newton, A. M. Lamb,.....	9	2	....	....	....	1	....	70	16	86
Moore's Creek,.....do.....	Thos. Rooks, H. P. Brinson, J. F. Croom,.....	55	....	4	....	6	1	4	132	38	170
Olive Branch,.....do.....	S. Sallenge, N. Stanaland, E. Hewlet,.....	8	....	4	....	6	3	....	34	6	140
Bethlehem,.....do.....	W. S. Pridgen, J. Pridgen, S. F. Wilson,.....	....	1	....	....	1	1	....	76	5	81
Marseall's Meeting House,....do.....	G. W. Marshall, W. M. Flinn, A. Bourdeaux,....	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	33	6	39
Lebanon,.....do.....	G. Fennel, C. B. Corbett, J. W. Taylor,.....	4	2	....	....	2	....	2	32	25	57
Wells' Chapel,.....do.....	J. P. Newton, N. Highsmith, L. Highsmith,.....	14	1	1	....	2	1	1	84	50	134
Riley's Creek,.....do.....	H. W. Taylor, T. W. Devane, W. R. Penny,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	....	....
Shiloh,.....do.....	G. A. Herring, J. F. Bland, R. Achens,.....	33	8	....	....	1	1	....	78	19	97
Bethel,.....Sampson.....	R. Newton, I. J. Newton, A. Alderman,.....	12	1	....	....	1	1	1	64	16	80
Lisbon,.....do.....	A. Herring, D. S. Matthis, Hardy Herring,.....	....	2	....	....	2	....	1	45	1	46
Mount Gilead,.....do.....	J. Van, D. Boney, Jas. Van,.....	25	7	1	....	3	....	....	87	....	....
New Hope,.....do.....	C. C. Gordon, E. Rackley, J. Frederick,.....	14	....	1	....	....	1	....	144	55	199
Boykin's Chapel,.....do.....	R. Peterson, J. L. Boykin, Thos. W. Boykin,....	17	1	2	....	12	3	2	106	63	169
White Oak,.....do.....	W. Van, D. Royal, H. Spell,.....	37	2	1	....	....	....	....	76	10	86
Pleasant Springs,.....do.....	N. Hall, H. Simmons, R. Smith,.....	3	1	....	....	....	2	1	36	....	....
Fork Meeting House,.....do.....	H. Peterson, J. B. Highsmith, L. Rich,.....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	39	....	....
Pleasant Union,.....do.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Salem,.....do.....	E. Underwood, T. M. Howard, A. J. Cooper,.....	46	....	3	....	6	2	3	102	....	....
Brown's Meeting House,.....do.....	A. Brown, J. Royal, A. Royal,.....	39	3	....	1	1	....	....	46	45	91
Buelah,.....do.....	L. F. Williams, Jul. Faison, S. J. Faison,.....	26	4	1	1	1	....	....	76	13	89
Piney Grove,.....do.....	Jeth. Oates, J. Hines, H. E. Car,.....	14	1	....	4	....	2	2	53	18	71
Roan,.....do.....	J. E. Falner, G. W. Bell, B. Williamson,.....	19	7	1	....	8	....	1	74	15	89
Mount Zion,.....Bladen.....	S. Andres, I. M. Newton, M. M. Sikes,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
French's Creek,.....do.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Thunder Swamp,.....Wayne.....	D. Howel, J Flowers, O. Norris,.....	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	25	21	46
Falling Creek,.....do.....	J. R. Parker, H. Grantham, J. Cox,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	....
Bear Marsh,.....Duplin.....	B. Oliver, J. Loftin, F. O. Wilson,.....	13	1	....	....	3	....	5	109	64	173
Johnson's Meeting House,. ...do.....	J. L Carlton, A. W. Carlton, A. Guy,.....	13	4	....	....	5	7	3	141	95	236
Kenansville,.....do.....	G. W. Wallace, G. W. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay,	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Beaver dam,	do	J. D. Carroll, A. Hollingsworth, L. G. Bass,	16	2			4	4	2	68	31	99
Concord,	do	J. Boon, J. W. Taylor, L. Matthis,	17	1			1	3	1	91	26	117
Berea,	do	H. Murray, D. Murray, T. Savage,	20	1				3		51	20	71
Island Creek,	do	S Cavenaugh, J. Murray, H. Dobson,	23	3	1		2	3		90	10	100
Limestone,	do	R. Sandlin, C. M. Oglesby, W. M. Kennedy,					5	1		43	27	70
Piney Grove,	Jones	A. Whitty, J. Bender, F. Merrit,	4			1		1	1	31	15	46
Newbern,	Craven	W Hooper, Z. Slade, J. C. Stevenson,		3		1		19		67	15	82
Brice's Creek,	do											
Beaufort,	Carteret	By Letter,		2			3			21	2	23
Warren's Meeting House,	do	" "										
Concord,	Beaufort,									78		78
Washington,	do											
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir	N. Askew, S. S. Biddle, P. Hardee,										
Union Chapel	Onslow							1	2	30	11	41

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer, in Account with the Executive Committee of the Union Baptist Association:

Dr.		Cr.	
1851—		1853—	
Oct. 1—To amount from old acc't.,	$121 41	Jan. 29—By Cash paid W. M. Kennedy, 4 months salary,	$80 00
To Cash received from 1st Oct., 1852, to 1st Oct., 1853:		By Cash paid A. Guy, 4 ms. salary,	80 00
New Hope,	49 13	By Cash paid G. W. Hufham, 27 days salary,	27 00
Wilmington Church,	100 00	May 28—By Cash paid W. M. Kennedy, 4 months salary,	80 00
Lebanon do.	11 00	By Cash paid A. Guy, 4 m'ths, salary,	80 00
Wells' Chapel,	17 50	By Cash paid J. P. Montague, 4 months salary,	80 00
Boykin's Chapel.	20 00	By Cash paid J. P. Montague, expenses,	11 40
Bear Marsh,	40 00	By Cash paid L. F. Williams, 3 days salary,	3 00
L. Carroll,	5 00	July 30—By Cash paid W. M. Kennedy, 2 months salary,	40 00
W. M. Kennedy.	4 50	By Cash paid A. Guy, 2 m'ths. salary,	40 00
Beaver Dam,	8 70	By Cash paid J. P. Montague, 2 months salary,	40 00
A. Guy, sundries,	2 25	By Cash paid J. P. Montague, expenses,	10 75
White Oak,	41 45	Sept. 30—By Cash paid W M. Kennedy, 2 months salary,	40 00
Berea,	25 25	By Cash paid W. A. Guy, 2 months salary,	40 00
Marshall,	27 22	By Cash paid J. P. Montague, 2 months salary,	40 00
Shiloh,	41 75	Cash in Treasury, carried to new account,	212 42
Bethlehem,	16 00		
Johnson,	37 50		
Concord,	35 50		
Island Creek,	12 60		
Limestone,	14 00		
Mount Gilead,	16 00		
J. P. Montague,	26 52		
Sister Hoges,	1 00		
Collected from Delegates,	30 00		
Received from Br. C. Van, donation,	5 00		
Collected at Johnson's Meeting H.,	12 75		
Received from Pleasant Union,	5 10		
Sabbath collection at Roan,	17 65		
Br. D. Wells' donation,	5 00		
Bryant Smith,	4 00		
Br. Carroway's donation,	5 00		
Hallsville,	13 75		
Bethel,	4 50		
Sabbath collection at Concord,	14 33		
Piney Grove,	27 50		
Harriet's Chapel.	3 00		
Buelah,	10 00		
Newbern,	20 00		
Rowan,	15 25		
Moore's Creek,	20 00		
Falling Creek,	6 00		
Mount Holly,	9 00		
Warren,	2 50		
	$904 57		904 57

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

MOORE'S CREEK, September 30th, 1853.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on the Order of Business, submit the following report:

1. Committee of Finance.
2. Call for Letters from the Churches.
3. Appointment of Officers.
4. Committee to supply the Stage with Preachers during the session.
5. Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Letters of Correspondence from sister Associations.
7. Ministering Brethren invited to seats.
8. Call for Reports of Committees appointed last year to report to this Associatiation—viz: 1. Temperance, G. Fennell, Chairman; 2. Sabbath Schools, L. F. Williams, Ch'n.; 3. Foreign Missions—W. Hooper, Ch'n.; 4. Bible Cause—W. H. Jordan, Ch'n.; 5. Preparatory Schools—B. Oliver, Ch'n.; 6. Mount Gilead Church Case, G. W. Wallace, Ch'n.
9. Appointment of persons to write Letters of Correspondence.
10. Report of the Executive Committee.
11. Committee to audit the Executive Committee's Account.
12. Treasurer's Report.
13. Committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the next year.
14. Committee to arrange Business for the next Association.
15. Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
16. Preachers to deliver the Introductory and Charity Sermon before the next Association.
17. Committee on Special Charges.
18. Committees to report to the next Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, Ch'n.

B.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, ask leave to present the following report:

From the best information we have been able to collect on the subject, we have the gratification of saying, that the good cause is still advancing, through the instrumentality of Temperance Lectures, light emanating from the press, and other sources; opposition has given way in many places; some new Divisions have been organized during the past year, within the bounds of our Association; valuable accessions have been made to the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and also to the Rechabites, as we have been informed.

The Temperance enterprise we regard as one of the greatest institutions of benevolence: that it has the approbation of Heaven, there can be no doubt. When we consider how many dispirited and almost broken hearted wives have had their minds relieved, their sorrowful and bleeding hearts healed and made to rejoice: in a word, made cheerful and happy thereby;—how many children, once shamefully neglected, half starved and badly clad, are now blessed with plenty, and are comfortable;—what numbers of our fellow men who were in the road to ruin, being swept down the strong current of intemperance, have been induced to abandon their cups—have faced about, stemmed the tide, and are now on the firm and safe ground of Tetotalism. Multitudes of young persons have been prevented from contracting habits of intemperance; and even some of those formerly engaged in dealing out the liquid poison, have been convinced of their error, and have forsaken the iniquitous and degrading practice. Our Churches, too, have been greatly benefitted by this moral reform. Previous to the introduction of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, how oft were we pained to hear charges brought against brethren for drunkenness, and the acknowledgments made that the charges were true—they had been *overtaken*—had drank too much? Now cases of disorder are of rare occurrence; and, brethren, the best of all remains yet to be told: it has seemed to pave the way for the conversion of sinners—for revivals of Religion;—the one appears to have been the stepping-stone to the other. Now, in view of all these important facts and precious truths, we surely have reason to thank God and take courage.

But, brethren and friends, although much has been accomplished, there remains much still to be done. Prince Alco-

hol has many strongholds yet to be broken up, before the victory will be complete; it will require a *long* pull, a *strong* pull, and a pull ALTOGETHER, to insure success, and rid our country of one of its greatest evils—viz: Intemperance. It is a lamentable fact, that some Ministers of the Gospel are still opposed to Temperance Organizations, and withhold their aid and their influence, either directly or indirectly; and there are other persons who profess to be friendly to the cause, but will not attach themselves to any Temperance Society. They say—"we are with you, but not of you." We would just say to such—"he that gathereth not with us, scattereth abroad." We do not feel willing to close this short report, without dropping a word of friendly caution to moderate drinkers, so called, because all past experience proves that they stand on dangerous ground. O, how many respectable, useful and excellent citizens are in the habit of taking a glass occasionally!—pursuing the very course which has led so many down to ruin, and even to a drunkard's grave? for all drunkards were moderate drinkers at first. Touch not, taste not, is the only safe way. And suppose it should be the case, that the moderate use of such drinks may produce no injury in the individual himself; yet his example may embolden others to use it, who have not the same power of self-government, and thus end in their ruin, both for time and eternity.

We close by recommending our Ministers, and all members of churches within our bounds, to abstain, sacredly, from the use of every thing that intoxicates, and come and unite with us—come help us roll on the Temperance Ball.—Let your light shine in this respect, as well as others. Come brethren, we want your example,—we want your influence.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. FENNELL, Ch'n.

C.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report:

We have said enough in a former report upon this subject; for there has been report after report to the Association, and through the Association to the Churches. These reports have been printed in the Minutes, and sent to the Churches; and

very few of them are ever read. The Minutes, too, are often considered as other waste paper, and treated as such,—so time, ink and paper, is thrown away. What can we say? what can we do? We do not wish to give it up. Something must be said, or there will be nothing done. If we ask the Churches to establish a Sunday School in every Church, it will be useless, we fear; for we are led to believe that if some of the Churches within our limits were provided with the means, such as books, &c., they then would not attend to it. Yet we will make one more effort, and ask each member of the Association, when they have returned home to their Churches, to raise five dollars, as soon as you conveniently can, and buy a Sunday School Library—and call the children together, and go to work; so that when your Church returns you to the next Association you may have the glorious news to tell, that the Lord has blessed your labours. It may be that you will thus be instrumental in the hands of God, of saving one soul from an eternal hell; and if so, that soul will thank you through eternity. Oh, that the Churches would awake to this subject! How long shall we suffer you? how long shall we have to write to you?

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

D.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the cause of Foreign Missions, beg leave to report:

From the shortness of time and the pressure of business, we are prevented from reporting upon this subject as we could wish. We call the attention of the friends of suffering humanity to this heavenly work, as the only means to relieve the wretched condition of our fellow-beings in heathen lands, who are bowing to idols for lack of knowledge of Jesus. You who have been brought from the power of darkness, to behold the glorious light of the gospel of the Son of God—how was your condition then, and what is it now? How great the contrast! If the Saviour has estimated one soul to be of more value than the whole world, what must be the value of the millions of China and other heathen lands who have never heard that Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We hope the many ap-

peals coming to us from those who are perishing in destitute lands, will meet a warm response in the affections of the brethren and friends of the Foreign Missionary cause of the Union Association. We recommend the Churches to contribute more for this noble enterprise than they have done hitherto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. F. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

E.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Schools beg leave to report:

We have given to this subject all the attention we well could, under existing circumstances. The importance of education is too well understood; and, we think, too highly appreciated by the members of this Association, to need any labored argument in its favor. Some movements have been made, and a proposition made (informally) to the Association; the details of which it is unnecessary to relate. With the view of meeting and acting promptly and efficiently in regard to the movement or proposition that has been made to us during the past year, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee to confer with any society or company, who may desire to establish a School or Schools, and that said committee have full power to act for the Association in her absence.

B. OLIVER, Ch'n.

F.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTE.

The Executive Committee to the Union Association:

Dear Brethren—With devout thanks to Almighty God, we render you an account of our proceedings for the past year.

At a Special Meeting, held during the session of our last Association, we engaged the services of Brethren A. Guy and W. M. Kennedy, as itinerants, and G. W. Hufham, as our agent.

Our first meeting was held with the Church, at Brown's

Meeting-house, in the county of Sampson, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in January, of this year. At that meeting we received reports from our itinerants and agent—all abounding with cheering prospects of an approaching harvest.

Bro. Guy reports entire devotion to the work in the field assigned him, viz: Duplin, New Hanover, Bladen and Sampson counties—with the most encouraging prospects of success; and had received three for Baptism.

Bro. Kennedy reports: Congregations large and attentive, with prospects of the most cheering aspect in his field, viz: Duplin and Onslow counties; Baptized 1 at Limestone—had labored all the time.

Bro. G. W. Hufham reports: 15 Baptized at Beaver Dam, and 1 received for Baptism, with indications of large ingatherings to the Churches; and regards this as a time when the smiles of heaven seem to rest upon the labors of those engaged in dispensing the word of life.

The committee engaged Bro. James P. Montague to travel and preach in the counties of Lenoir, Jones, Craven, and Carterett, with special instructions to devote as much time as could be spared from the other portion of his field, and as circumstances might indicate, to serve the cause at Beaufort.

Our second meeting was held at Roan Meeting-house, in the county of Sampson, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May. Brethren Guy, Kennedy and Montague met with us at this meeting, and handed in their several reports, and preached three days. Their labors seemed to be blessed in preparing the way for an ingathering to Church. Sickness prevented the attendance of Bro. Hufham.

Bro. Guy says he has traveled and preached all the time; acknowlekged the good hand of God in the awaking and conversion of precious souls, and feels that "the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad;" has Baptized 20 and received 2 for Baptism, at Johnson's Meeting-house. Shiloh has enjoyed a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord; 24 have been added to the Church by Baptism; has received 1 for Baptism at Canetuck, and Baptized 1 at White Oak.

Bro. Kennedy reports: Regular service at Concord, Island Creek and Limestone; has Baptized 1 at Concord, where they have recently built a new Meeting-house, established a monthly prayer meeting; and looks upon that part of his field as promising good to the church; has preached 4 funerals; assisted in the ordination of 4 deacons; made 68 ministerial visits,

and aided Bro. Senter and others in a protracted meeting at Mount Gilead, where 21 were Baptized.

Bro. Montague entered immediately upon his field of labor: says there is a great destitution of Baptist preaching in his region. We think it advisable to present to the Association an abstract of his Report, believing it will furnish valuable information in regard to that portion of our limits, and where we are less acquainted with the religious condition of the people, than any portion of our Associational limits. At Liberty, in Craven County, he has preached twice, where there was once a Baptist Church, but is now gone down for the want of Baptist preaching. At Merritt's M. H., there has been a Baptist Church, but is now abandoned, because they have no Baptist preaching there. Mill Pond School House, Island Creek, Brice's Creek and Slocumb's Creek, are places where good could be done, if they were supplied with Baptist Ministers.—At Slocumb's Creek, 25 miles from Beaufort, the Brethren are disposed to constitute a Church. The Church at Beaufort numbers about 25 members, and there are others disposed to unite with the Church, if prospects could promise a favorable result. There seems to be no hindering cause why a Baptist Church may not speedily be raised in that town; and arrangements have been made to build a House of Worship of 30 by 42 feet, with side galleries, to cost from $1,000 to $1,500, and subscriptions to accomplish that work of about $1,000 have been obtained. At Garrot's Bay, the Church is entirely destitute, and anxious to have preaching, and would sustain, in part, a Minister to preach for them.

Our third meeting was held with the Church at Concord M. H., in Duplin County, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in July. Bros. Guy, Kennedy and Montague were in attendance, and handed in their several Reports.

From Bro. Guy, we learn that he has labored all the time with growing prospects for good; and that an increasing desire for preaching was manifested at all his stations,—seven have been Baptised at Shiloh, six at Johnson's, and one at Berea, and the work is still going on.

Bro. Kennedy has preached monthly at Limestone, Concord, Island Creek and Roan. The preaching of the Cross seems to be greatly blessed of God,—fifteen have been Baptised at Roan, and seasons of refreshing from the Lord seems to be upon other stations in his field;—has made thirty-eight ministerial visits—held fourteen prayer-meetings—visited the sick, and conducted religious exercises with a number of families.

Bro. Montague reports one Baptised at Piney Grove, in

Jones County, with a good state of religious feeling in the congregation. At that place, has collected $310 to aid in the building of a Baptist M. H. in Beaufort. Regards the cause as truly promising in Beaufort, and is encouraged to prosecute the work of the ministry there.

The fourth meeting was held at Bro. John T. Moore's, on Thursday, the 29th of September, in connection with Association.

Bro. Guy reports that refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord continue to be enjoyed at several of his stations. A meeting of seventeen days' continuance was held with the Church at White Oak, and thirty-seven Baptised. Bros. Wallace, Senter, Woodard, and Alderman were present, and assisted in the meeting; and at a subsequent meeting, six others were Baptised—making forty-three that have recently been added to that Church. Surely, says he, the Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad. Six have been Baptised at Johnson's M. H., and at Berea nineteen,—has preached all the time.

Bro. Montague has continued to operate in his field,—has collected about two hundred dollars, to aid in building the Baptist Meeting House in Beaufort, and one hundred and fifty dollars is immediately required before the house can be occupied; and that $256 more will have to be raised, in order to complete the house.

The Committee recommend this enterprise to the Association, and hope, in view of the vast and growing importance of this most interesting point, that the Association will come forward with a spirit of Christian liberality corresponding with the importance of the undertaking, and of the influence which we believe it will ultimately exert upon the destinies of our Church. Bro. Montague has Baptised three at Piney Grove, in Jones County, and regards the prospect to be of a cheering character.

Bro. Kennedy has been engaged all the time, with the exception of two weeks, occasioned by sickness; has Baptised sixteen at Concord, and six at Roan. A gracious revival has been enjoyed at Island Creek, and twenty-four have been added to the Church.

The Committee feel that there is abundant cause to thank God and take courage. Surely we can say, the good hand of our God has been upon us. The Churches have nearly all been blessed with refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. And while a great amount of good has, under the

blessing of God, been accomplished, there yet remains still much to be done. We need the prayers, sympathies, and co-operation of all the Churches, in sending the Gospel to the destitute places within our limits. We learn from our itinerant Ministers, that many places where there once was flourishing interests, are now abandoned and lost to the denomination; and there are other stations which will soon be lost, unless they are soon supplied with preaching by a ministry of our faith and order.

It will be seen from the body of our report, that we have three Ministers nearly all the time constantly in the field, and wish to enlarge the field of operations for the next year. The Macedonian cry is coming up from many quarters, calling upon us to send them Preachers. Dear Brethren, we are conscious that our work will soon close on earth; let us all feel that this is the time for us to lay our hands to this great and glorious work, for behold, the night cometh when no man can work. We can truly say, we have done all that we could do with the limited means at our command. Come up, dear Brethren, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, Ch'n.

G.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals submit the following report:

We rejoice in the continued existence of the Biblical Recorder among us, notwithstanding the loss which both the paper as well as the denomination, has sustained in the death of its former lamented Editor. We feel all the attachment to it, due to an old and well tried friend. We believe that it has been the means of accomplishing an amount of good among us, which it would not be easy to estimate; and we should lament its decease as a most serious evil. We believe that we need one good paper in our State, and think we need only one. We regret, therefore, as a measure seriously calculated to injure the interests of our denomination, that other brethren should think it right to get up other Baptist papers in our State. However conscientious they may be, we can but believe that such a course is calculated to impede and injure, rather than to promote the cause of piety and knowledge

among our Churches. We earnestly desire the prosperity of the Recorder, and hope that the liberal patronage of an enlightened community may be such as may secure to it the services of an intelligent, faithful and devoted Editor.

We recommend the following resolution :—

Resolved, That we regard the Biblical Recorder as one of the most important means of promoting the intelligence and piety of our Churches, and that we recommend its continued and increased patronage to our denomination in the State.

Submitted.

G. W. HUFHAM, Ch'n.

The following brethren were appointed Delegates to the Baptist State Convention :

W. Hooper,	C. Kelly,	J. M. C. Brinson,	Z. Slade,
J. C. Stevenson,	W. H. Jordan,	C. D. Ellis,	G. R. French,
J. Parker,	B. F. Mitchell,	D. DuPre, Sen'r.,	L. Carroll,
A. Alderman,	J. T. Moore,	G. W. Marshall,	G. Fennell,
J. W. Taylor,	L. Highsmith,	A. B. Alderman,	A. Herring,
L. A. Powel,	J. L. Boykin,	Dr. B. Boykin,	Jos. Rich,
T. Underwood,	A. Royal,	J. Stevens,	J. P. Faison,
H. E. Car,	B. Williamson,	S. Andres,	W. Wright,
J. Loftin,	W. M. Kennedy,	A. Guy,	G. W. Hufham,
G. W. Wallace,	H. R. Kornegay,	J. D. Carroll,	J Taylor,
W. B. Wells,	J. Murray,	A. Whitty,	J. Benders,
J. P. Montague,	P. Hardy,	S. S. Biddle,	S. J. Faison,
L. F. Williams,	J. Oates,	F. Faison,	N. Sandlin.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCHES,

The time when Constituted, and the Ministers who assisted and were present at their Organization.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

Wilmington—

Mount Holly—

Moore's Creek Church was constituted, A. D., 1833, on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in September—Elders William Wells and George Fennell conducted the Organization.

Olive Branch—Constituted on the 19th of June, 1849, by Elders James McDaniel and B. H. Curshaddon.

Bethlehem—

Marshall's M. H.—Constituted July 29th, 1837, by Elders George Fennell and James L. Warren.

Lebanon—Constituted on the 3d Sabbath in January, 1834, by Elders George Fennell and George W. Hufham.

Wells' Chapel—

Riley's Creek—

Shiloh—Constituted May the 6th, 1853, by Elders George Fennell and Alfred Guy.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Bethel—
Lisbon—
Mount Gilead—
New Hope—
Boykin's Chapel—Constituted on the 21st of April, 1846, by Elders Stephen Senter and Aaron Jones.
White Oak—
Pleasant Springs—Constituted November the 9th, 1843, by Elders George Fennell and Peyton Rackley.
Fork M. H.—Constituted November 26th, 1844, by Elders Stephen Senter and Jesse Howel.
Pleasant Union—
Salem—Constituted July 2d, 1842, by Elders Stephen Senter and Hezekiah Woodard.
Brown's M. H.—
Buelah—Constituted in 1814, by Elders James A. Randleson and William Wells.
Piney Grove—Constituted 13th of March, 1844, by Elders William DuPre, Jesse Howel, and George W. Wallace.
Roan—Constituted on the 15th of October, 1759, under the Pastoral care of Elder Edward Brown,—names of the Ministers present not given.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Mount Zion—
French's Creek—

WAYNE COUNTY.

Thunder Swamp—Constituted in 1845, by Elders George W. Wallace and W. Vernon.
Falling Creek—

DUPLIN COUNTY.

Bear Marsh—
Johnson's M. H.—
Kenansville—
Beaver Dam—Constituted on the 4th Sabbath in November, 1835, by Elders George W. Hufham and Benajah Carroll.
Concord—
Berea—
Island Creek—Constituted on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1803—Elder Francis Oliver was Moderator, and David Sloan Clerk on that occasion. No other information is found in the Church Letter.
Limestone—

JONES COUNTY.

Piney Grove—

CRAVEN COUNTY.

Brice's Creek—
Newbern—
Concord—
Washington—

CARTERET COUNTY.

Beaufort—
Warren's M. H.—

LENOIR COUNTY.

Harriet's Chapel—

ONSLOW COUNTY.

Union Chapel—

It will be seen by reference to the names of the Churches, that to a great extent, they have failed to furnish the Assoiciation with dates of the constitution of the Churches, and the names of the Ministers who officiated at their organizations.

The Churches that have failed in this respect, will note it, and send in your Letters to the next Association—the precise date of the month and year, and also, the names of the Ministers who assisted at the time.

GEORGE W. WALLACE, Moderator.
GEORGE W. HUFHAM, Clerk.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

ELDER WILLIAM P. BIDDLE.

William P. Biddle was a native of Princess Ann County, Virginia; though he lived the most of his life in the State of North Carolina, of which he became a resident at an early period of his life. He was born on the 7th of January, 1787.—His parents were John P. and Sarah Biddle. His mother's maiden name was Scott.

His father was a good citizen and kind neighbor; and though not a professing christian, he was respectful in his feelings to religion. When his son, the subject of this sketch, was baptized, then only fifteen years of age, he gave him this good advice: "well Billy, you have put your hand to the plough, never look back."

His mother was an eminently pious woman. She was fond of reading religious books; and the Bible, especially, was her daily companion. She would gather around her her children and servants, and devote many hours in reading to them the sacred and life-giving truths of God's Holy Word. To the example and instructions of this pious mother, our brother was indebted for his earliest religious impressions.

Bro. Biddle, it will be seen, became a disciple of the Saviour, at an early age. Of the work of divine grace in his soul, at this early period, we have no particular account. All our subsequent acquaintance with him, however, furnishes us with the happy assurance that he was led, at this critical period of his life, to rest his hopes for eternity, upon the only safe and unfailing foundation. Neither are we informed respecting the exercises of mind and views of duty, which led him, at an early age, to devote himself to the christian ministry. We know that he embarked in this sacred work, in the morning of his life, when the dew of his youth was yet fresh upon him. Though not particularly advised on the subject, we think it probable, from our own recollections, that, at the time he engaged in the ministry, he was not more than twenty years of age.

Early after he began to preach, he travelled, in the course

of his ministry, into North Carolina. This was the occasion of his becoming acquainted with brother Simpson and his family; and of his forming the connection, by marriage, in this family, which was the cause of his settlement and subsequent residence in this State.

He was married to Mary N. Simpson, daughter of Gen'l Samuel Simpson, of Craven county, on the 7th of February, 1810. They lived together nearly forty years. Mrs. Biddle was also a member of the Baptist Church. She died on the 6th of January, 1850. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom survive them. Several of these, happily, are following in the footsteps of their pious parents, to that land of rest, into which they—we are happy in believing—have already entered. Let us hope that the many prayers of the departed parents, in which they have plead with God for his blessing upon their beloved offspring, may descend in mercy upon their heads; and that this family, now divided by death, may all meet again together in heaven, where friends shall meet, never more to part.

What remains to complete this hasty tribute of respect and affection, to the memory of our departed brother, must refer to his character as a minister and a christian.

In speaking of brother Biddle, as a minister, the writer must be permitted to form his estimate, from his general reputation, and from a few sermons only, which, in the course of his life, and at long intervals, he heard him preach. For though his first knowledge of him, reaches into the days of his early boyhood, he has but rarely heard him in the pulpit, and has enjoyed but little opportunity for an intimate acquaintance.

Brother Biddle belonged to a class of ministers, the race of which is now nearly extinct. They were the actors of a past generation. They were distinguished for strong religious feelings—for their spiritual exercises of mind—their knowledge of the work of grace in the soul—and for their implicit reliance upon the Spirit of God, as the great source of all light and grace—to sanctify and save them, and to impart to their ministry all its efficiency. They possessed a deep acquaintance with the depravity, guilt, and ruin of human nature; and entertained a lively apprehension of the mercy of God, in giving his Son to die for sinners, and of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, in becoming the willing friend and Saviour of a ruined world; as well as of the sufficiency and adaptation of his salvation, to the necessities of the perishing sinner. Their advantages for education were, generally, very defective; and in this privation, they studied more assiduously, for divine

knowledge, in the word of God, and the operation of his Spirit in their own souls. They were therefore intimately acquainted with the Sacred Scriptures, and possessed a happy knowledge of the nature of the kingdom of grace, as established in the soul. They loved to contemplate the gospel, simply, as a scheme of redeeming mercy; a proclamation of the glad tidings of salvation to a guilty world. They rejoiced in its promises, and feasted on its rich and heavenly consolations. Their hearts reposed with sacred pleasure, amid the storms and convulsions of earth, upon the stability of God's throne, and the immutability of his counsel. They delighted to contemplate his cause and his glory, as safe in his own Almighty and sovereign hands: and while affected with the ravages of sin, as having reigned unto death, they rejoiced in the ultimate and certain triumphs of Divine Grace, as reigning, through righteousness, unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Such—or something like this—was the type of their personal religion, and the character of their ministry. If, while their thoughts were occupied with the gospel, as a *system of grace*, they did not apprehend it with equal clearness and sensibility, as a *system of godliness*; or if, when in happy contemplation of its riches of mercy and glory, they were elevated to heaven, they forgot, to some extent, the duties of earth, when we consider the disadvantages of their condition, the imperfection of man at his best estate, and the necessary limitations of human virtue and wisdom, we shall not be likely to think such deficiency, a matter of any great surprize.

Let it not be supposed, however, we mean to say that our venerable fathers did not understand the gospel as teaching holiness; much less that they tolerated positive immorality.—Very far from it. They were, many of them, men of eminent piety. Happy shall we be, if, in this respect, we may emulate their virtues, and attain to equal excellence. But they had not learned to elevate sufficiently the standard of practical godliness. Their's was not the age of missionary operations, and enlarged evangelical effort. They possessed the *principle* of piety; and it manifested itself in their peculiar sphere: but did not experience its full developement in those schemes of religious action which distinguish the present day. The period to which they belonged was one of reflection rather than action. Piety displayed itself more in feeling, and contemplation, and less in effort. It consisted more in simply believing the gospel, and rejoicing in its salvation, than in comprehending the full import of the obligation, involved in the

possession of these blessings, to do whatever we can to impart them to others. The Church, especially, was asleep on this subject. What was done, was accomplished entirely by the ministry. If they chose to travel abroad and preach the gospel, they might do so; and their brethren would approve of their piety and zeal; and in some cases some little pittance of remuneration, mostly as a matter of personal kindness, was awarded them. But the idea of an obligation upon themselves, to promote the gospel, correspondent and equal to that of the ministry, seems to have been remote from the apprehensions of the Church.

The character of our brother's ministry partook of the general likeness, which we have assigned to the family, to which, we have considered him, in some good degree at least, as belonging. In his religious views and style of preaching, it bore the stamp, and savoured of the spirit, of the ministry of those venerable men of a former generation, who were the pioneers of our Church, and are well entitled to be called the fathers of our denomination.—His ministry, we would say, in attempting to define it somewhat more particularly, was decidedly *evangelical*. We mean by this, that he preached what he professed to preach—*the gospel of Jesus Christ*. Christ crucified was the great theme of his ministry. To this was he directed, not more by his ministerial vows, than by his personal feelings. He abased the sinner, as a guilty transgressor of God's law. He stripped him of all his self-righteousness, and shewed him to be exposed to the penal justice of God. He exalted divine grace, and elevated before men's eyes, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the atoning Lamb of God, and as the only name by which a guilty world can be saved.

We have sometimes heard preaching distinguished as *doctrinal*, *practical*, and *experimental*. By that which is *doctrinal*, is meant an exposition and defence of the great cardinal truths of the gospel. The *practical*, refers to an exhibition and enforcement of the duties of christianity. While the *experimental*, consists more particularly, in portraying the feelings and exercises of a soul, in its experience of converting grace. We could not, according to our conception of brother Biddle's ministry, assign it exactly to either of these specifications of ministerial gifts. It was not a of high doctrinal cast. Neither should we suppose—in the sense in which we have employed the term—it was decidedly practical: nor yet especially experimental. If, however, practical preaching might be subdived into two kinds; the one, consisting, as above stated, of an enforcement of the precepts of the gospel; and the other, of an exhibition of the excellence of religion, and the happiness of the believer; his joys and sorrows; his trials and consolations; his fears and hopes; his conflicts and triumphs; the character of his preaching might perhaps find its definition in this latter division. In this sense therefore, we would speak of his ministry, as being *practical*.

There was, however, we think, in his ministry, a union in different degrees, of the qualities which constitute ministerial excellence, rather than any one strongly marked peculiarity. There was a combination of what is instructive with what is affecting; of sentiment with feeling; of that which is calculated to interest the intellect, with that which is calculated to gratify the heart.—His ministry, however, we should suppose, was distinguished less for its intellectual, than for its moral power: less for its assaults upon the understanding, than its appeals to the heart. He affected us less by the terrors of the law, than by the charms of the Gospel. He did not so much awe as melt the soul. There was, in his preaching, a sweet, evangelical strain, which, insinuating itself through an easy and fluent elocution, and in the tender and affecting tones of his voice, won its way to the heart, and held the affections in pleasing captivity; and if this had been cultivated by greater attention to early improvement, and by a more constant habit of preaching, few ministers,

perhaps, would have excelled him in his power to affect the heart, and in his soul-subduing pathos. His ministry, therefore, though not deficient in reason, allied itself, we think, more particularly with the feelings; and as such, the character of *pathetic*, may be assigned to it, as one of its distinctive qualities.

The views of *Christian doctrine* entertained by our brother, were those which were universal among the particular Baptists, and which have been designated by the term *Calvinistic*. The Baptists of his day were almost, perhaps altogether as much united in their belief of this scheme of doctrine, as in their views respecting Baptism; and we suppose that no dissentient from these views would, at that time, have been admitted into their ministry. *The absolute and entire depravity of man; the sovereignty of God in salvation, as displayed in his electing love; the free and full justification of the sinner by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, apprehended by faith; regeneration by the grace and power of the Spirit of God; the certain perseverance in grace of every believer, to the ultimate attainment of glory;* these were the doctrines which they believed to be revealed in the Scriptures of Truth; which they loved and preached; and upon which they insisted as essential to the interests of truth and holiness. These, we have no doubt, were, to his dying day, the doctrines held, preached, and loved, by our departed brother; the source of all his strength while living, and of all his hope when dying. In this respect, his feelings were similar, no doubt, to those of the great and excellent Andrew Fuller, who said, when in the immediate prospect of death: "I have preached and written much against the *abuse* of the doctrine of grace; but that doctrine is all my salvation and all my desire. I have no other hope than from salvation by mere sovereign, efficacious grace through the atonement of my Lord and Saviour." These sentiments, we entertain no doubt, found a ready and cordial response, in the heart of our departed brother.

Respecting the *Christian character* of brother Biddle, one impressive fact will tell, with a happy distinctness and effect. From the tender age of fifteen, to the patriarchal age of sixty-six, he sustained a character of irreproachable piety. Through all this long period of duty and of trial; of sorrow and depression; of temptation and conflict, he has passed unscathed; and has left a name to his children, and his brethren, the sound of which need never to crimson their cheek. He has bequeathed them, in an unblemished reputation, a legacy more precious than gold and silver.

We do not mean, however, to say, that our beloved brother was without faults. The God of truth and righteousness forbid, that we should indulge in any such heartless adulation. He may not have trod with all the firmness he ought to have done the Christian path. He may not have pressed on, with all the ardor he might, to the Christian goal. Who, alas! does? But whether or not, he complied as strictly as possible, with his kind Father's seasonable admonition, at the time of his Baptism, that, having put his hand to the plough, he should never look back; of this, we are sure, *that he never let go;* and when we consider that he discharged the duties of his ministry for nearly half a century; that throughout all this period, he was entirely dependent upon his own exertions for the support of his family; that he was thus bound, by a relentless necessity, to engagements so well calculated to secularize the heart and draw down the affections from Heaven to earth; oppressing the heart, at one time, with anxiety, and plying it at another with the allurements of worldly gain; when these things are considered, that under such circumstances of trial he should, through this whole period, have persevered faithfully to the end of his course; and that to his last day, he was found mingling, with increasing zeal, among his brethren; and uniting with them in promoting the Kingdom of Christ: this, we think, is no small praise. If there are others who may claim more, happy shall we be, if we shall not be found entitled to

less. How many, alas! instead of such a course of steady light, increasing in brightness even to the end, shoot by us with a meteror-like glare, vanishing soon in interminable darkness; or, what is equally affecting—after having outrode every sea, and weathered every storm, from some fatal leak, go down, in very sight of the harbor. Happily different was the case with our departed brother. He is found among those who have endured to the end; and we rejoice in the assured hope, that now, after all his toils, he has received the reward promised to the militant Saint, in the inspiring words of the great Captain of our salvation: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Brother Biddle entered readily into the enlarged views of christian philanthropy, which distinguish the age. He was the decided friend of the great cause of Christian Missions, and a ready coadjutor in every plan for improving and elevating the character of man, and for promoting knowledge, virtue and happiness in the earth. He was one of the number, who, in the year 1831, met in Greenville, Pitt county, and organized the North Carolina Baptist State Convention; and though, for unfortunate reasons, which we suppose seemed good to himself, he subsequently declined, for a time, attending its meetings, there is no reason for believing that his views of the importance of the Institution, or his attachment to it, ever underwent any change. There is indeed, decided evidence to the contrary. He was too, one of the founders of Wake Forest College, and continued its friend and supporter to the end.

Firmly established in the great doctrines of the gospel, which he had early embraced, he stood—in his principles and influence—a barrier against the various forms of heresy and false religion, with which the Church, in later years has been assailed. He combated, on the one hand, the *deadly Antinomianism*, which, by its torpedo touch, paralyses all effort, and annihilates all obligation; arresting the gospel in its progress and triumphs; and by a false reliance upon benefits which, apart from effort, God has never promised, consigning the world to the consequences of a hopeless and fatal inaction: and not less did he combat, on the other, the *deceitful Arminianism*, which insinuates into men's minds, its leaven of pride and self-righteousnes, swelling their hearts with a vain conceit of human ability—exalting the powers of man, while dishonoring the grace, and arraigning the sovereignty of God.

About the year 1835, the doctrines of Alexander Campbell were embraced by a few preachers in the region of his labors: and it was his misfortune to see several Churches, which he had assisted to build up, torn assunder and distracted by its ravages. This he deplored as long as he lived; and he labored zealously—not by violence and angry clamor—but by faithfully and affectionately preaching the truth, to stay the deadly plague.

About the time that Rev. Luther Rice returned from India to this country, for the purpose of exciting the attention of the Baptists to the subject of Missions, and of inducing them to organize themselves for missionary purposes, there arose in the Neuse and Kehukee Associations, a spirit of violent opposition, not only to all missionary operations, but to Bible Societies, Sunday Schools, and all kindred institutions. Excited and angry controversy succeeded. An implacable warfare was waged by the enemies of missions against all these institutions, and they were determined no longer to affiliate with those who were their advocates and friends. In the unhappy excitement which prevailed, our brother, (who belonged to the Neuse Association) endeavored to act the part of a peacemaker. For many years, he labored to persuade his brethren, that on this subject they might differ, and still live together in peace and union. But all in vain. The elements of discord were too fierce for his peaceful counsels; and nothing would satisfy the enemies of

missions, but total separation from all the friends and abettors of the missionary cause.

For some months before his death, brother Biddle complained of pain in his stomach. This was supposed, at first, to be dyspepsia, as he had once been brought to the brink of the grave by that disease. It proved, however, to be cancer of the stomach. He attended the Southern Baptist Convention, in May, at Baltimore; but was quite unwell all the time, and returned much worse than when he left home.

During his last sickness he manifested great composure of mind, and resignation to the will of God. Cut off from food, by his terrible diease, his friends were painful witnesses of a daily diminuition of his strength. But as his bodily powers declined, his confidence in Christ, and the sufficiency of his atonement became more strong. He was fully aware of his approaching end, and conversed with his children, as one about to set out on a journey. It was his happiness to see five of his children members of the Church; and he expressed great concern for their religious welfare, and a hope that they might be more faithful than he himself had been: regretting that he had not served the Lord with more zeal and to more effect. He died August 8th, 1853, in the 66th year of his age.

Farewell venerable father! Farewell thou dear man of God? Thy toils are ended! The sorrows of thy heart are now assuayed; and all thy tears are forever wiped away. Thy burdened soul groans no more under sin's painful load; nor longer sighs for the purity of heaven, and the presence of God. No more in our Associations, shall we see thy venerable person, or hear thy soft and tender tones of fraternal admonition, telling of the christian's prospects, encouraging us under our trials, and animating us to "run with patience, the race set before us." Though sorrowfully, yet willingly we resign thee to thy eternal joy and crown. We rejoice that thou art re-united again to the loved friends of thy youth; thy "companions in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ." Thou hast found Spivey and Ross, and thine other victorious companions in arms, and art singing together with them the song of victory eternal. Happy Spirits! you have met to die no more. Now are you rejoicing in the fellowship of the skies, and bowing together in the presence of Him who washed you from your sins in his own blood. Farewell! for a short time, beloved brother Biddle. Lowly lies thy wasted form in the cold embrace of death. The winding sheet is now around thee. Thy folded hands are resting upon thy pulseless heart; and the seal of death is upon thy faded and clammy brow. Sweetly, wearied Pilgrim! dost thou slumber in the mansion of silence and of rest. The noise and clammor —the strife and contention of earth no longer disturb thy repose. Rest from thy toils, thou servant and child of God! Rest, until that glorious and triumphant hour, when the trump of the descending Jesus shall awake thee from thy sleep, and from the darkness and corruption of the grave, thou shalt come forth to the resurrection of life. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

☞As the above Biographical sketch is probably somewhat longer than was expected, it has been thought better, lest the Minutes should be unreasonably large, to decline furnishing the *Report* which was expected from the writer; especially as that is presumed to be of no special importance at this time.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of this Association has become manifest, we therefore unanimously adopt the following:

1. This shall be denominated and known as the Union Baptist Association.

2. This body shall be composed of Delegates chosen annually by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three Delegates.

3. In the selection of those Delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The Delegates thus selected, should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a Presiding Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "the Law and the Testimony."

7. The Association shall have a Fund created, and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful Record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed, and be present at each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted, which Committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Monday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the Presiding Officer (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro. tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, Praise and Prayer, either by him, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The Presiding Officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the Delegates shall be called each day of the session previous to proceeding to business, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make any remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the Presiding Officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debated.

6. After a motion is stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration only by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of the Delegates present.

MINUTES

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

BEULAH,

SAMPSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

First.—We will hold at least four Conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

Second.—The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

Third.—At every Conference, the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator, pro. tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call in some other brother to do it for him.

Fourth.—The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, immediately after the names are called.

Fifth.—An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

Sixth.—A door shall be opened for reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

Seventh.—Every subject for the consideration of Conference, shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the socond.

Eighth.—Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

Ninth.—No member shall withdraw from the Conference, without permission from the Moderator.

Tenth.—It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the Church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord. Matt. 18th, chapter, 16th, 17th, and 18th, verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

Eleventh.—All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

Twelfth.—The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

Thirteenth.—These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Associatian recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. W. Wallace—Revelation 22nd chpt. and 14th verse, Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

After a short respite, the delegates were called together by the moderater, Elder G. W. Wallace; the 63rd Psalm was read, and sfter singing a hymn, Brother Wm. M. Kenedy prayed.

Elder W. M. Kenedy was appointed to preach from the stage in the afternoon, to be followed by Elder A. Guy. Brethren Amos Royal and S. J. Faison were appointed assistant Clerks.

The Church letters were called for, read, and the names of the delegates enrolled; a majority being present proceeded to organize.

On motion, Brethren J. L. Boyken, L. Highsmith and H. E. Carr were appointed financial committee.

Brethren J. L. Boyken and C. D. Ellis were appointed to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year; after the balloting was over they announced G. W. Wallace, elected Moderator, Amos Royal, Clerk and John L. Boykin, Treasurer. G. W. Hufham the former clerk having declined a re-election.

Letters petitioning membership were called for.

A letter from Corinth, Duplin County, was presented petitioning to become a member of this association upon the reading of which, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

A letter from Fort Barnwell was presented, but the delegates not being present it was refered until to-morrow.

A communication from the Baptist State Convention was handed in, and on motion laid over until to-morrow.

On motion, Brethren C. C. Gorden, F. B. Millard, H. E. Carr and H. J. Hobbs were appointed a committee to supply the stage with preachers during the session.

Appointed Brethren, W. H. Jorden, G .W. Hufham and H. E. Carr to prepare business for the association,

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock; prayer by Elder W. H. Jorden.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 30th.

The association met according to adjournment. The list of delegates was called over; a majority being present, the Moderator read the 8th Psalm; and after the singing of a hymn, Elder Hugh McAlpin prayed.

The resolution appointing committee to prepare business for the action of the association was rescinded, The Executive committee reported on the order of business. (See App. A.)

The delegates from Riley's Creek appeared with letter which was read, and the delegates names enrolled. Called for letters of correspondence from sister associations.

On motion, Elder H. McAlpin was invited to a seat as delegate from the Cape Fear Association.

On motion, the letter from the Baptist State Convention was taken up and read; and on motion of Elder Wm. H. Jorden was refered to a committee of five. Appointed on the above commitee, Elders, W. H. Jorden, G. W. Hufham and Brethren L. Carroll and H. E. Carr. Visiting Ministers and Brethren were invited to take seats and advise with us in our deliberations.

Committees appointed last year, to report this year, were called upon to make reports.

The Executive committee reported. Report read and ordered to be printed. (See App. B)

Treasurer of the Executive committee reported. Appointed Brethren Isham Royal and G. R. French committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

The Treasurer of the Association reported. Report ead and ordered to be printed.

Report on Temperance was called for; on motion, further time was granted to make report.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report read and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See App. C.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report received and committee discharged: on motion the report was adopted and ordered to be appended. (See App. D.)

Committee on the Bible Cause reported. Report read and ordered to be printed. (See App. E.)

The Committee on General and Ministerial Education having failed to report, Elder L. F. Williams was appointed Chairman of said committee and requested to report as soon as convenient.

The committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee reported all correct. The committee was discharged and the account ordered to be printed.

The committee, on Periodicals reported. Report read and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See App. F.)

The committees on the state of the churches were called upon to report.

The committee on Union Chapel reported, that the church at that place had become extinct. The report read and the Clerk was requested to erase the name from the minutes. The committee on French's Creek was allowed further time to report.

On motion of Elder W. H. Jorden, a resolution respecting foreign missions was ordered to be appended to the report on that subject. (See report)

On motion the Association took a recess of one hour.

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1 O'clock, P. M.

The association assembled and proceeded to business.

The committee on the state of the church at Concord, Beaufort County, reported. Report received and committee discharged; and on motion the name of the church was ordered to be erased from the minutes. The

committee on French's Creek reported that the church had ceased to exist. Report received and committee discharged; and the name of the church ordered to be erased from the minutes.

Elder W. M. Kennedy was appointed to write the letter of correspondence to the Chowan; Elder L. F. Williams to the Cape Fear; Elder G. W. Hufham to the Tar River: Brother Isham Royal to the Raleigh; and Bro. S. J. Faison to the Pamlico associations. Appointed Elders, W. H. Jorden and G. W. Wallace delegates to the Chowan; Elders W. M. Kennedy and H. McAlpin and Bro. C. D. Ellis to the Cape Fear; Elder L. F. Williams and Bro. B. Oliver to the Pamlico; Elder W. H. Jorden and Bro. C. D. Ellis to the Tar River and Brethren Joel Hines and Hinton E. Carr to the Raleigh associations.

Appointed C. C. Gorden, Solomon J. Faison and J. Hines a committee to nominate the Executive committee for the ensuing year. The executive committee was appointed to arrange business for the next association.

Appointed C. D. Ellis, G. W. Hufham and W. H. Jorden to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Elder Hugh McAlpin was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next association and Elder A. Guy alternate; Elder G. W. Wallace to preach the charity sermon on Sabbath and Elder C. C. Gorden alternate. The committee on ministerial education reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See App. G.)

At this time Bro. Pritchard, Agent for Wake Forest College, appeared and delivered an eloquent address on education, at the close of which he solicited the association to purchase a scholarship in W. F. College, which was defered until Monday, after a part of the amount necessary had been subscribed.

Resolved, That we hold the next session of the association with the church at Concord, Duplin County, to convene on Friday before the first Lord's day in Oct. 1855.

On motion of Elder L. F. Williams adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Pritchard.

MONDAY, October 2.

The Association met, according to adjournment.

The list of Delegates was called; a majority being present, the Moderator read the twenty-second Psalm, and, after singing a Hymn, Elder L. W. Williams prayed.

On motion, the Letter from Fort Barnwell was taken up and read. On motion, the Church was admitted as a member of this Association, and the names of the Delegates ordered to be enrolled,

The Committee on Temperance reported. Report received, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See App. H.)

The Committee on a School or Schools reported. Reported received, and ordered to be printed. (See App I.)

In compliance with the report, the following Brethren were appointed a Committee, to meet at Warsaw, on the thirty-first October, for the purpose of locating a School or Schools, (viz:)

Benjamin Oliver, J. D. Carroll, J. T. Moore, William H, Jordon, L. Highsmith, C. D. Ellis, J. L. Boykin, W. J. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, C. J. Oates, S. J. Faison, D. J. Middleton, D. C. Moore, W. M. Kennedy, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Huf ham, Amos Royal, H. E. Carr, J L. Carleton, A. M. Faison, F. B. Millard, O. Alderman, Jessee Jackson, S. S. Biddle, J. C. Stevenson, J. R. Ezzell, C. C. Oates, Amos Herring, Stephen A. Vann, John Vann, M. C. Blount, and G. W. Wallace.

On motion, eleven of the above Committee was constituted a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee, reported the following as the Committee, which was confirmed, viz:

L. F. Williams, G. R. French, Anthony Brown, Joel Hi: es, N. C. Faison, D. J. Middleton, and H. J. Hobbs.

On motion of J. L. Boykin, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the collection on Sabbath be appropriated to the Home and Foreign Missions and Educational purposes.

On motion, the collection of Sabbath was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the Association.

On motion of L. F. Williams, the Clerk was requested to have fifteen hundred (1500) copies of the Minutes printed, and distributed to the Churches.

On motion of L. F. Williams,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the Clerk fifteen dollars for his services.

On motion of J. Royal,

The Treasurer of the Executive Committee was requested to pay the funds on hand to his successor in office.

The Committee on the Letter from the Baptist State Convention, reported. Report read, adopted, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See App. J.)

W. M. Kennedy's Letter, to the Chowan Association, was read and approved. Isham Royal's Letter to the Raleigh, was read and approved. G. W. Hufham's Letter, to the Tar River, was read and approved. S. J. Faison's Letter, to the Pamlico, was read and approved.

The Committee of Finance Reported. Report received, and ordered to be printed, and the Committee instructed to pay the amount to the Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Resolution on the Minutes of last year, in regard to prayer for an increase in the Ministry, was only intended for the year.

On motion of Brother M. J. Taylor, the Clerk was requested to have the Minutes printed at the "Biblical Recorder" office.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, made the following nominations, which were confirmed, viz:

J. P. Montague, J. Loften, J. Hines, A. Brown, N. C. Faison, W. Hooper, J. Ferguson, Charles Kelley, J. C. Stevenson, Z. Slade, J. M. C. Brinson, C. Simpson, R. Hendrich, J. W. Whaly, C. J. Oates, G. S. Best, W. H Jorden, B. F. Mitchel, J. A. Parker, G. R. French, A. Ilis, M. C. Blount, A. Alderman, B. Oliver, J. D. Carroll, J. L. Boykin, G. W. Hufham, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, C. C. Gorden, G. W. Wallace. W. M. Kennedy,

A. Guy, H. McAlpin, L. F. Williams, Amos Royal, F. B. Millard, Thomas Guy, Wm. Bennett, H. Bennett, Jethro Oates, and F. J. Faison.

On motion of Elder G. W. Hufham,

Resolved, That for the purpose of effecting a more intimate union between this Association and the Baptist State Convention, we will annually report to the Convention, the funds raised and expended by our Association for Domestic Missions, and other objects of Christian benevolence, and that we will transmit to the Board of the Convention the reports of our Missionaries: and, further resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee, through their proper officers, to carry out the object of this Resolution.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to prepare a Letter to the Convention, showing the amount raised and expended by the Association. Also, the names of Delegates and Itinerants, &c.

Elder L. F. Williams, who had been appointed to collect copies of the Minutes of the Cape Fear, Neuse, Goshen, and Union Associations, reported that he had collected some of the missing copies, and he was requested to continue his searches.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity, for their hospitality manifested during this session.

Appointed Elder G. W. Hufham and Brethren, S. J. Faison and Isham Royal, a Committee to report on Wake Forest College, at the next Association. As Elder L. F. Williams had not had time to write the Letter to the Cape Fear Association, he was requested to write it afterwards, and send it to the Association by the Delegate.

On motion, the subscription to purchase a scholarship in the endowment of Wake Forest College was taken up, and, in a short time, the requisite amount was subscribed.

On motion of Elder W. H. Jorden,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches of our Association, that they raise the sum of twenty-five dollars, or such other sum as they may find convenient, for

the purpose of purchasing one or more scholarships in Wake Forest College, which scholarship or scholarships shall be the property of this Association.

On motion of Brother S. J. Faison,

Resolved, That whereas there is great demand for an increase in the Ministry, and whereas the cause of Christ within our bounds for the year just closed, has been in a lukewarm and inactive state.

Resolved, That the Association recommend to the Churches within her bounds to pray the Lord that the present number of Ministers of the Gospel be multiplied, so that every people may enjoy the blessings of the preached word.

The business of the Association having been disposed of, after a few appropriate remarks by Elder W. H. Jorden, the Association sung a parting Hymn, and Elder W. H. Jorden prayed. The Association was then dismissed. Benediction by the Moderator.

The congregation on Sabbath was very large and attentive. There was as much or more interest manifested than usual. Brethren W. H. Jorden, W. M. Kennedy and ——— Pritchard preached; all of whom pointed to Christ as the only means through which to attain salvation. We believe that there was "bread cast upon the waters to return after many days"

GEORGE W. WALLACE, Moderator
AMOS ROYAL, Clerk.

The following is the subscription, to purchase a scholarship in Wake Forest College:

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the sums annexed to our respective names, for the purpose of purchasing a scholarship in the endowment of Wake Forest College, to be held in the name and for the uses of the Association, and to be paid in two annual instalments.

Samuel Andrews paid $20, Jesse Jackson 20, W. H. Jorden 20, C. D. Ellis 20, B. Oliver 20, J. Loften 20 John Vann 25, G. R. French 25, paid 5, S. J. Faison 25, paid 10, G. W. Huf-

ham 30, L. Highsmith 15, J. L. Boykin 15, paid 5, L. Carroll 15, paid 5, Isham Royal 10, H. E. Carr 10, Joel Hines 10, H. McAlpin 10, J. R. Ezzell 10, D. J. Middleton 20, J. P. Montague 10, W. H. Smith 10, M. J. Taylor 10, G. W. Wallace 10, Amos Royal 10, John C. Hines 10, F. B. Millard paid 5, O. Alderman 10, Wm. Bennett 5, Peyton Rackley 5, Wm. M. Kennedy 5, L. F. Williams 5.

The following Churches pledged the amounts annexed by their delegates, as named: Beaverdam, by Swinson, $10, Concord, by Taylor 10, Mount Zion by S. Andrews, 10, Wilmington, by Jorden Ellis and French, 35.

Making in all $500, the amount necessary to purchase a scholarship.

The Treasurer of the Union Baptist Association submits the following as his report:

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To amount of Association Fund,		$98 30
To amount of Foreign Misson Fund,		93 66
To amount of Education Fund,		5 00
To balance in hand last year,		14 04

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By amount paid C. D. Ellis, for Baptist State Convention,	$98 66	
By amount paid G. W. Vaughan, Clerk,	15 00	
By amount paid L. F. Williams, for collecting Minutes,	10 00	
By amount paid for printing minutes,	109 43	233 00
Making balance due the Treasurer, $22 09 1-4		
	$233 09	$233 09

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. BOYKIN, Treasurer.

Beulah, Sept. 29th, 1854.

The Committee on Finance make the following Report;

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	Associat'n Fund.	Foreign Mission Fund.	African Mission.
Wilmington, New Hanover County,	$5 00	$39 35	
" Sabbath School Collection,		14 00	
Mount Holly, New Hanover County,	2 00		
Moore's Creek " " "	7 15		
Olive Branch, " " "	2 30		
Lebanon, " " "	3 25		
Will's Chapel, " " "	4 35		
Shiloh, " " "	3 55		
Bethel, Sampson County,	3 10		
Lisbon, " "	2 00		
M. Gilead, " "	2 50		
New Hope, " "	3 50		
Boykin's Chapel, " "	3 50		
White Oak, " "	3 10		
Corinth, " "	1 00		
Fork M. H. " "	1 50		
Pleasant Union, " "	1 50		
Salem, " "	2 00		
Brown's M. H., " "	3 25		
Beulah, " "	3 75		
Piney Grove, " "	3 00		
Rowan, " "	3 00		
Mount Zion, Bladen County,	1 00		
Thunder Swamp, Wayne County,	1 50		
Falling Creek, " "	2 00		
Bear Marsh, Duplin County,	5 00		
Johnson's M. H., " "	2 50		
Kenansville, " "	4 75		
Beaver Dam, " "	3 80		
Concord, " "	2 50		2 50
Berea, " "	2 50		
Island Creek, " "	5 00		

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Limestone,	" "	2 00		1 10
Piney Grove,	Jones County,	2 00		
Newbern,	Craven County,	3 00	5 00	
Brice's Creek,	" "	25		
Beaufort,	Carteret County,	1 00		
Warren's M. H.,	" "	1 00		
Washington,	Beaufort County,	2 00		
Corinth,	Duplin County,	1 75		
Riley's Creek, New	Hanover County,	2 00		
Marshall's M. H.,	" "	2 25		
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir County,	2 00		
Fort Barnwell,	Craven County,	1 00		
		$115 10	$103 35	$3 60

Collection on Sabbath, $42 60.

It will be seen, by reference to the columns, that there has been received, at this session, $115 30 for the Association, $103 35 for the Foreign Mission Fund, $3 60 for the African Mission Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. HIGHSMITH, Chairman

C. D. Ellis, Treasurer, in account with the Executive Committee of the Union Baptist Association.

1853			CR.
October	3rd	To amount from old account,	$212 34
"	"	Collected at Moore's Creek,	37 67
1854		Cash from E. G. Borden,	2 00
January	28th,	" " J. Core,	1 00
"	"	" " C. Herring,	1 00
"	"	" " Corinth,	2 00
	"	Collected by J. P. Montague,	13 50
April	28th	" "	13 75
July	"	Collected by J. Dobson,	3 00
"	"	Collected at Boykin's Chapel,	34 00
Sept	30th	" " Wilmington Church,	100 00
"		" " Rowan "	59 50
"		" " Concord "	43 00
"		" " Island Creek "	53 80
"		" " Limestone "	33 00
"		" " Berea "	33 00

"	"	"	Johnson's "	12	00
"	"	"	Shiloh "	85	50
"	"	"	White Oak "	82	00
"	"	"	Bethel, "	7	35
"	"	"	Boykin's Chapel	11	00
"	"	"	Piney Grove Sampson	23	00
"	"	"	Bear Marsh "	44	00
"	"	"	L. Carroll, donation,	5	00
"	"	"	Newbern Church	20	00
"	"	"	Washington "	8	00
"	"	"	Davis' Store "	2	25
"	"	"	Beaufort "	20	00
"	"	"	Warren's M. H., "	5	00
"	"	"	Fort Barnwell, "	19	25
"	"	"	Mount Holly "	9	00
"	"	"	Lebanon "	10	00
"	"	"	Well's Chapel	15	00
"	"	"	Kenansville "	12	25
"	"	"	Beaver Dam "	5	40
				$98	64

1854 CR.

January 28th	Cash paid A. Guy, 4 month's salary	80	00
"	" Wm. Kennedy, 4 month's salary	80	00
"	" J. P. Montague, 4 " "	80	00
"	" L. F. Williams, 16 days	10	66
April 28th	" W. M. Kennedy, 3 month's salary	60	00
"	" A. Guy' 3 " "	60	00
"	" J. P. Montague 3 " "	60	00
"	" W. M. Kennedy, 3 " "	67	50
July 29th	" A. Guy, 3 " "	67	50
"	" J. P. Montague 3 " "	67	50
"	" G. L. M. Finch's expenses to Beaufort,	33	75
August 18th	" Advertising School Notice in Biblical Recorder,	2	00
Sept'r 4th	" A. Guy, 2 month's salary	45	00
" 30th	" W. M. Kennedy, 2 mos, salary	45	00
"	" J. P. Montague, 2 mos. salary	45	00
"	" Postage		75
"	" paid J. P. Montague, expenses of self and horse board	21	98
"	" in Treasury		
	Carried to new account	$162	00
		$98	46

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES & COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized	R'ceived by letter	R'stored	Re'd by exp'rnce	Dismiss-ed.	Exclud'd	Dead.	White.	Black.	Total.
Wilmington, New Hanover,	W. H. Jordan, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French,	10	11			8	4	3	200	132	332
Mount Holly, "	L. Carroll, T. J, Lee, S. T. Newton,	3							73	16	89
Moore's Creek, "	O. Alderman, J. T. Moore, J. D. Moore,	3					2	1	97	39	136
Olive Branch, "	E. Hewlet, Henry Hewlet,	3	1						38	6	44
Bethlehem, "	Not represented.										
Marshall's M. H., "	G. W. Marshall, Jas. Benson,	1						1			33
Lebanon, "	G. Fennell, N. D. Fennell J. W. Taylor,	1	1					1	33	26	59
Wells' Chapel, "	D. Wells, L. Highsmith, J. T. Newton,					8	1		75	49	124
Riley's Creek, "	H. W. Taylor, W. R Penny W. Mahn,						1		24	3	27
Shiloh, "	W. B. M. Eakin, D. Bland, G. A. Herring,	1	3				3		83	18	101
Bethel, Sampson,	G. Newton, Amos Alderman, J. J. Newton,	27	2	1		4	1	3	82	31	113
Lisbon, "	Hardy Herring, Amos Herring, D. S. Mathis,	6	1			2	2	1	45	1	46
Mount Gilead, "	Jas. Vann, jun., W. L. Boney, John Vann,	1				3	1	2	73	9	82
New Hope, "	C. C. Gordon, C. C. Oates, J. R. Ezzell,	15				3	2		129	29	158
Boykin's Chapel, "	H. J. Hobbs, Isaac Boykin, J. L. Boykin,		3			5	1	1	107	58	165
White Oak, "	H. Bennett, D. D, Royal, Neill Watson,					7	3		67	15	82
Corinth, "	N. Hall, W. Lockomy, Evan Simmons,	7	5						48		48
Fork M. H, "	L. Rich, J. B. Highsmith, A. M. Blackburn,							1	38		38
Pleasant Union, "	S. Fisher, E. Fisher, Alex. Hall,		1			1			53	8	61
Salem, "	J. A. R. Howard, Wiley Butler, Eli Underwood,	1	1			4		1			95
Brown's M. H, "	Amos Royal, Wm. P. Hobbs, Isham Royal,	7		1		1		4	47	47	94
Beuleh, "	L. F. Williams, F. B. Millard, S. J. Faison,	3	1			9		2	66	13	79
Piney Grove, "	Joel Hines Hinton, E. Carr, Jno. C. Hines,	1				1			53	18	71

TABLE OF STATISTICS, (CONTINUED.)

CHURCHES & COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	ptized	letter.	Re'ed by	Resto'ed	exp'ence	Rec'd by	Dismiss-ed.	Excl'ded	Dead.	White.	Black.	Total.
Rowan, "	O. Williamson, F. Kelly, B. Williamson,	3		1	1			3		1	74	16	90
Mount Zion, Bladen,	Samuel Andrews,										21	15	36
Thunder Swamp, Wayne,	D. Howell, J. Flowers, O. Norris,	4									29	21	50
Falling Creek, "	H. Grantham, J. R. Parker,										12	3	15
Bear Marsh, Duplin,	Joel Loften, Wm. Bennett, Jas. F. Oliver,	4			1			3	1		103	87	190
Johnson's M. H. "	A. Guy, T. J. Guy, G. S. Best,	5		2	1				4	1	138	100	238
Kenansville, "	G. W. Wallace, J. Dobson, D. J. Middleton,	3						2			49	57	106
Beaver Dam, "	G. W. Hufham, J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson,	1		2	2			1	2	4	70	34	104
Concord, "	R. Wilkins, M. J. Taylor, Jos. Wilson,	5		5	2			39	2	1			87
Berea, "	H. Murray, W. H. Murray, H. S. Boney,	8		1				1	2	1	55	21	76
Island Creek, "	H. Dobson, John Murray, H. Maxwell,	1		1				2	1	1			90
Limestone, "	C. M. Oglesby, D Sandlin, W. H. Kennedy,				1			7	2	1	38	27	65
Corinth, "	Joseph Boon, L. Paterson, W. D. Wells,												57
Piney Grove, Jones,	J. B. Benders, Jas. Rhodes, J. H. Whitty,										31	15	46
Newbern, Craven,	Z. Slade, R. Hancock, W. O. Leary,	2						2			65	12	77
Brices' Creek, "	J. Utley, J W. Peltier, M. W. Fisher,	5		2									28
Fort Barnwell, "	S. S. Biddle, A. C. Lane, B. F. Biddle,										6	3	9
Beaufort, Carteret,	J. P. Montague,			6							28	2	30
Warren's M. H. "	Letter,	1											57
Harriet's Chapel, Lenoir	S. E. Loften, J. M. Wooten, Jesse Jackson,			1				1			28	11	39
Washington, Beaufort,	Letter,	7							4	3	46	59	105
		139		51	10		00	117	39	34	2224	1001	3225

APPENDIX.

A REPORT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on the order of business, submit the following report:

1. Committee of finance.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Election of officers.
4. Committee to supply the stage with preachers during the session.
5. Petitionary letters.
6. Call for letters of correspondence from sister associations.
7. Ministering brethren invited to seats.
8. Call for reports of committees appointed last year to report to this session.
9. Executive committee.
10. Treasurer of executive committee.
11. Committee to audit Treasurer's report.
12. Treasurer of the association's report.
13. On Temperance, G. W. Wallace Chairman.
14. On Foreign Missions, G. W. Hufham Chairman.
15. On Sabbath Schools, W. H. Jorden Chairman.
16. On the Bible Cause, W. M. Kennedy Chairman.
17. On General and Ministerial Education, W. Hooper Chairman.
18. On Periodicals, Amos Royal Chairman.
19. On the condition of churches, (viz:) Union Chapel, W. M. Kennedy Chairman; Washington and Concord, J. P. Montague Chairman; French's Creek, A. Guy Chairman.
20. Appointment of persons to write letters of correspondence.
21. Committee to nominate executivo for next year.
22. Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
23. Preachers to deliver the introductory and charity sermons next year.
24. The selecting of the place to hold the next session of association.

[B.]

The annual report of the Executive Committee to the Union Baptist Convention.

Dear Brethren :—Our gratitude is due to God for the preserving care he has extended over us during the past year: and to the churches for the kind regard which they have manifested to us during the time we have discharged the sacred trust committed to our hands. In rendering up our report we do not think it necessary to go into minute details of our proceedings, as we have done heretofore; because the principles upon which we have acted, and the course pursued are so well understood and appreciated by the churches that we feel justified in omitting it altogether. We have held quarterly meetings consecutively with the churches at Beaver Dam, Mount Gilead and Boykin's Chapel, during the latter parts of January, April and July and our last meeting, which closes our official proceedings, with the association during its present session.

Our meetings have been well attended, and we trust that much good has been done for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom within our limits.

The reports of your itiaerants do not furnish indications of any extensive revival of religion in any of their respective fields of labor, as it was our privilege and pleasure to record last year—yet there is every reason why we should perserve in this Heavenly appointed work. The prospects are truly encouraging, and at no time, since we engaged in the domestic Missionary cause, has there appeared such inducements for perserving in this work. The churches are coming up nobly to this most important enterprize. The field now occupied is not only self sustaining, but is doing considerable to advance the cause of domestic Missions among us. There is nearly one hundred and fifty dollars in the Treasury. after paying off all dues for service in the home department, and about two hundred and fifty dollars pledged for the prosecution of the work; and nearly all of which we believe will be paid in due time to meet the wants of the cause next year.

It has been our cherished aim, to supply the destitute and to aid the work of churches with a regular ministration of the word of life; and it affords us pleasure to

say that our labour has not been in vain. The field now as a domestic missionary field, when we received our appointment was doing almost nothing at all in the way of sustaining their own pastors and still less for the cause. So that now the old churches are relieved of the generous aid which they imparted in the incipient stages of our progress, and are standing on common ground, where they are uniting their efforts to push forward the Cross of Christ, and to embrace other destitute portions within the boundaries of the Association. We think that several new stations should be occupied during the next year, particularly Meadan Meeting House, in Duplin County and Richland's Chapel in Onslow. By reference to the letter of statistics in the body of the minutes you will perceive what accessions have been made to the churches, where itinerant service has been rendered, and also by referring to the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, you will learn what has been expended and received for this work together with the available assets in hand for the operations of next year:

Bro. J. P. Montague wishes to retire from the field for the present, but thinks the cause in Beaufort would prosper, if a minister could be sent there to meet the wants of the church at that place.

Dear Brethren:—We have done the best we could; we have needed your prayers and co-operation, your friendly advice and instruction, for we serve one God, who is over all. We have spent painful hours in trying to discharge the high trust confided to our care. We have prayed that we might be directed with wisdom from on high, to do all things in accordance with the mind of the Holy Spirit.

We leave the cause in a properous condition, with cash and pledges amounting to about $400, to commence operations for the next ensuing year. We do not regret the time and personal sacrifice, which we have made to advance this Holy work, but on the other hand rejoice that God has blessed the labors of such an humble instrumentality for good to the churches.

In conclusion, we are constrained to announce to the association, that we decline a re-appointment. May the great head of the church be with you all, and prosper his own cause is our most fervent wish and prayer.

G. W. HUFHAM, *Chairman.*

[C.]

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made a verbal report, stating that they thought the Stereotyped reports in our minutes were unnecessary, as our churches are fully alive to the importance of well conducted Sabbath Schools. They recommend to the churches that have not established them, to do so, and those that have, to still continue them.

[D.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Missionary enterprize carries with it evidences of the divine favor, and is in accordane with every impulse of the regenerated heart. It finds a resting place no where but in the minds of those who have been lighted from above, and have tasted that the Lord is gracious. The dear Redeemer in the work of redemtion laid the foundation broad enough, when the pliances of the Gospel were brought into requisition, to effect the Salvation of the wo ld. If God is love, and they that dwell in love, dwell in God, they must to some extent be partakers of the divine nature and spirit, and as every exhibition of the divine character shows ineffaceable evidences of good will to man, it would seem that in prosecuting the Foreign Missionary cause, the spirit of religion was acting under the influence, and in harmonious concert with that supernatural power which is the moving cause of all righteousness. If grace has been bestowed upon the human family, and if the providence of God has so ordered events, that the blessings of religion have been imparted to some, how plain is the rule that these who have been the blessed of God, should labour to send the Gospel to those who are in the region and shadow of death, where the sun of righteousness has never shed forth his rays of divine light—and where no herald of the cross, in the name of Jesus, has called sinners to repentance. Paul says "The mystery which in other ages had not been made known to the sons of men as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the spirit that the gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body and partakers of his promise by Christ in the Gospel," furnishes conclusive proof that the work is of divine appointment, and that the practice is one of the

legitimate operations of all church organization. The spirit that prompts the church to go forward in the work, derives its warrant from the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and consequently knows no novelty in the principles thereof.

This ever enduring obligation, is essential to bring into operation, the divine operation of the church. The world in a moral point of view, is such that the mightest efforts of the church seem to be demanded to meet the opening providences of God for evangelizing the nations of the earth.

The Macedonian cry is coming up from every quarter of the world; and the interposing carriers behind, which sin and death have long reposed, are all broken up. Prayer for the success of Foreign Missions, and prayer that God would send forth more laborers within his harvests, are objects that should engage the attention of the church of Christ. All of which is respectfully submitted, G. W. HUFHAM, *Chairman.*

The following resolution on the above subject was ordered to be appended to the report.

Resolved, That while we rejoice in the liberality of our churches in promoting Domestic Missions, we fear they are in danger of overlooking the importance, of Foreign Missions and of Ministerial education. These latter are kindred objects with the former all having claims upon the patronage and liberality of our churches—while therefore we hope that our churches will not withdraw any aid from Domestic missions, we recommend to their more liberal consideration and their increased support Foreign Missions and Ministerial education.

[E.]

The Committee to whom was refered the Bible cause at your last session, report.

1st. That they view the Bible, as being pre-eminently the book of books. It is justly considered by all orthodox christians, as the only true and fully authenticated revelation, which God has given to men. Of what priceless worth then is Heavenly bestowed legacy?

It reveals to us the existence, power, wisdom and all glorious perfections of our Heavenly benefactor in a way and manner so plain, that our weak understandings cannot fail to be enlightened by its holy teachings. The Bible is also the only source from which we can gain a knowledge of the will of God, concerning us, and the great and solemn duties, that we owe to him. It is the only safe and perfect rule of life; regulating all the acts and affairs of men, in their dealings with each other in the life. It is a never failing source of consolation, and support to christians, under all the ills and adversities of life; for it contains the promises, and the blessed assurance of God's favor, as set forth in the Gospel of his Son.

But secondly: your committee would further indulge in praises of the holy book, as we feel its worth is fully appreciated by your body, but would simply call your attention to the demand for it. It is a fact lamentably true, that in the most enlightened parts of our bounds, may be found those, who have not the Bible in their houses. There are also many destitute sections among us, where there are comparatively, but few Bibles to be found. Every marriage that takes place among us, calls for another Bible, to supply the wants of a new family; and almost every vessel that lands at our ports, brings its hundreds of human beings, whose minds need to be enlightened by the holy teachings of God's blessed word. Brethren think of it: Look at the swarms of immortal spirits, that almost every wave of the Ocean, throws among us, who are destitute of the word of life. They are forming a part of our Society, they are wielding an influence, which aids in controling the destinies of the church of God, as well as of this great Republic; and as they are bringing with them, erroneous creeds and superstitions of every nation under Heaven, and diffusing them among our people, it seems all important, that the Bible should be placed in every man's hands, that its all prevailing influence may lead them to the paths of truth, and finally to the gates of Heaven. But is this all? Look at the millions of benighted and untutored Africans, the deluded Asiatic Mahomedans, and the thousands of enslaved and priest blinded Catholics, even in enlightened and Classic Europe, that have no light for their feet or lamp for their pathway. How

great then is the demand for thie Bible? How loud the Cry of starving millions for the bread of life?

Finally brethren, what is our duty? Blessed with the word of life, surrounded with the temples of holy worship, and with the warning voice of the living ministry, is it not our duty to do something for the poor and less favored sons and daughters of Adam's race?

We have the means, God has blessed us with abundance, every facility surrounds us for furnishing the ready with the word of life, and let us be up and doing; let the Bible, the holy book of light be circulated over the whole earth until the heathen, and those who sit in the region, and shadow of death shall see the light, and receive the ever blessed Gospel of God's dear son, "Freely we have received the Bible," freely let us give it to others, and God will bless us, and make us, the means of blessing others.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, *Chairman.*

[F.]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee confidently believe, that among the various means adopted by Christians, for promoting their religion, for teaching and inculcating the pure evangelical doctrines, few have been attended with more favorable results than the establishment and steadfast maintainance of an able, instructive and strictly christian periodical. Among other valuable purposes, it answers, that of a cheap commentary upon the Scriptures—stripping the veil of obscurity from difficult passages, and thus giving a clear, simple and satisfactory explanation of what was before unintelligible, or perhaps what is more to be lamented, wrongly suggested to the minds, such as have no work of reference, and are left solely to the unaided exercise of reason and conjecture. It also excites a spirit of inquiry, which leans to a diligent study of the Scriptures, revives the flagging interest in such as have grown weary or careless, buoys up those desponding with doubts and fears, gratifies, entertains and enlightens, the mind and purifies and elevates, the sentiments of the heart in all cases, where the attention of the reader, has been prompted from good and

worthy motives. Your committee feel assured, that an incalculable amount of good, has been accomplished in this way, through the establishment and circulated of the "Biblical Recorder" in this State, and other works of a similar character in other States. This periodical is now the commonly, if not exclusively receive organ of our Denomination in this State, and all proper means should be earnestly excerised with a view to enlarging its share of patronage, and thus add to its present resources more of that material aid, which is the only sure and certain means of improving and elevating its characted, and widening to still greater limits its present sphere of usefulness. So far as we have been able to ascertain, we feel inclined to the belief, that there are many still, who might be prevailed upon to contribute to its support and yet be gainers manifold—such as though able—have never yet availed themselves of this so agreeable and valuable companion for the Baptist. Your committee are further of the opinion, that this periodical is in no small degree indebted for its present existence to the labors, and influence incidentally exerted by the ministers and delegates of our respective Associations,—and that this is still the best method occurring to them for the continued formation of its future prosperity. Therefore, Resolved that we confidently recommend the "Biblical Recorder" to the favor and support of the Baptist Denomination, and that the Ministers, Delegates and all members, who may feel a lively interest in the same, be requested diligently to exercise themselves in procuring subscribers for it, and promoting its circulation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS ROYAL, *Chairman.*

[G.]
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The need of Ministerial education is so generally admitted, its value so universally appreciated, and so imperatively demanded by the progressiveness of the age, that we think any further report is unnecessary. The time for action has arrived, and to meet the wants of enlightened piety and public sentiment, we recommend

the adoption of the following resolution, as the most efficent step to promote that object.

Resolved, That it is desirable, that this Association, own a Scholarship in the endownment of Wake Forest College, for the education of young ministers in her own bounds. Submitted,

L. F. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

[H.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee appointed at the last association to report upon the subject of Temperance, submit the following. Your committee are aware, that so much has already been said upon the subject, that nothing original can be said in support of the same, only as circumstances transpire. Your committee are however fully of the opinion, that all our churches and brethren ought to take such steps, and co-operate with such organizations, that have for their object the furtherance of this good cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. W. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

[I.]

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a school, or schools, at your last session report.

That they have had the subject under careful consideration, and that during the year, they have receive inquiries and proposition from different localities with regarding to establishing schools among them; but owing to existing circumstances, we do not feel willing to recommend definite action at this time. We recommend therefore to the Association, the appointment of an efficent committee with full power to take any action in the premises which in their judgment may seem most likely to carry out the views and desires of the Association.

We further recommend that said committee be instructed to hold a meeting at Warsaw, on Tuesday the 31st day of October. Just for the purpose of receiving all the propositions, that may come from different localities, and locating a school and taking all other steps, that may be necessary for forwarding so laudable an enterprise. Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

[J.]

The commmittee upon the communication from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to the Union Asssociation present the following report.

The object contemplated by the convention in the communication, which through the Secretary of their Board, they have addressed to this Association, seems to be to accomplish a more intimate union between the Convention and our Association ; and to secure a more general and harmonious action between the different portions of our Denomination in the State. This, it must be acknowledged, is a most desirable object to the full extent, to which it may be found practicable. Not only is it true, that in union, there is strength, but it is due to the obligations of brotherly love, that we shall as much as possible impart to all our operations, a character of harmony and unity. The want of united and central action among the Baptists, has been, we believe the great cause of their weakness and depression. Such are the laws of our nature, and such, equally, are the laws of God, that we derive strength and power from common sympathy and common efforts in a common cause. The formation of our Convention, supplied the want, which had long existed among the Baptists of our State, of an organ of united, and central action. How much we had previously suffered from the want of such an organ, may be infered from a consideration of the benefits, which, since its creation, have been attained through its instrumentality. The Denomination scattered over the State and estranged from one another, ignorant of their numbers, and their resources, have been introduced to each other, the board of union has been strengthened, and their resources have been subsidized to the promotion of the cause of Christ at home and abroad. Under its auspices our ministry has climbed the mountains, and penetrated the swamps of our State, proclaiming in the dark places of our land, the tidings of Salvation. To this instrumentality, the Baptists of North Carolina are indebted for the honor, they enjoy in having missionaries laboring to bring into the possession of Christ, the inhabitants of benighted China. Wake Forest is the child of the Convention. To its counsels and efforts, it owes its existence, and if with such partial and defective means, as have been at its

command, the Convention, within the 20 years of its existence, has achieved results of such magnitude, what would it not have done, if from the time, when a few faithful and devoted brethren first brought it into existence, our churches and Associations had all zealously united in its support, and contributed to its funds? How much is to be regretted, that such has not been the case? With these facts in view, we can but believe, that our Convention has done more in elevating the churches of our Denomination, in the State, than any instrumentality, which has ever been originated among us; and we must therefore believe, that it is desirable and right, that all our Associations should maintain union with the Convention, as the great organ of Denominationial action. To withdraw from such union, and to refuse such co-operation, is calculated to dampen the zeal, discourage the efforts and weaken, the hands of our brethren, who are endeavoring, through this agency to promote the great ends of evangelical benevolence.

The question then comes up, how can this Association do any thing to unite itself more closely with the Convention, and more effectually harmonize their respective operations?

We will not discuss the propriety of the Associations, resigning their present plan of supporting Missionary operations in their own bounds, and of submitting the appointment of their Missionaries to the Convention; because whether such a course would be advisable or not, we do not suppose, that the Association is prepared for its adoption. But whatever may be thought of this plan, there are, we think other means, by which we may effect a more intimate union with the Convention. There are two plans suggested in the letter from the Convention. The first is that the Association shall nominate their Missionaries, assign them their ground, and pay them their salaries; but that they shall allow the Convention, under their nomination, to *appoint* these Missionaries; so that they shall be regarded as missionaries of the Convention, and their reports shall be made to their Board. This, we believe is the plan of the Beulah Association; and we suppose, it has worked well with them. We have no Assocation more distinguished than the Beulah for enlightened, liberal and effective effort.

Under this plan, the Association would have the con-

trol of the Missionaries, in their bounds as absolutely, as if their appointment was derived exclusively from themselves. They could, whenever dissatisfied with his conduct, displace any one of them, by refusing to nominate him, to the Convention for re-appointment.

If this plan should not be satisfactory, another suggested in the communication from the Convention, is that the Association report to the Convention, the amount of funds raised and expended by themselves for domestic Missionaries, and transmit the reports of their Missionaries to the Board of the Convention. This, if it did no more, would at least enable the Convention, to exhibit in their minutes, what is done by our denomination in the State in evangelical efforts; whereas in their present form, they present a very defective account of our Denominational operations, and one which does us no credit with our distant brethren, who judge from this source alone of what we are doing. Even this plan would seem to express more sympathy for the Convention, and interest in its operations, and thus impart more vigor and efficiency in its operations.

We think it deserves the consideration of the Association, whether they ought not to do something to promote domestic missions beyond their own bounds. Some portions of our State are destitute and dark almost to heathenism. In many Counties, it is said, there is not a minister of our Denomination, while in many others, the people have no knowledge of the Baptists, except such as is derived from the character of Anti-Missionaries. How will these dark regions ever be enlightened, if those who are blessed do not send them some help? True benevolence, it must be remembered, does not confine its operations to ourselves or those in whom we are more particularly interested, but looks with compassion upon man, whenever he is to be found in a condition of need and distress, and reaches to him a helping hand. Anything short of this can scarcely deserve the name of benevolence, and while we believe, that the Union Association is doing a good work in her own bounds, we would respectfully recommend, to her consideration whether, in view of the great destitution, in many parts of our State, and her own comparatively favored condition, she is doing all, she might and ought beyound her own particular precincts

The spirit of the Gospel is one of universal benevolence. It is wide as the world, and co-extensive with suffering humanity. We recommend in conclusion the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is desirable for our Association, to form a more intimate connection with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, Oct. 6th.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Hugh McAlpin. John 1st, 46—"And Nathaniel said unto him, can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said unto him, come and see."

After a short recess, the delegates were called together by Elder G. W. Wallace, Moderator, with devotional exercises.

Brother James G. Dickson was appointed Clerk pro tem., and brethren Isham Royal and Samuel S. Biddle assistant Clerks.

On motion, brethren Hinton E. Carr, John L. Boykin and B. F. Mitchell were appointed a committee of Finance.

Letters from the Churches were called for and read and the names of the delegates enrolled: A majority being present, they proceeded to organize.

Brethren S. S. Biddle, and Isham Royal were appointed to superintend the election of officers. After the ballottings were over, they announced Elder G. W. Wallace elected as Moderator, brother J. G. Dickson, Clerk, and brother J. L. Boykin, Treasurer.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to supply the stage with preaching during our session, viz: Elders G. W. Hufham, Wm. M. Kenneday, and brethren C. D. Ellis, Wm. B. Wells and M. J. Taylor.

The Baptist Church at Clinton petitioned for admittance into the Association

Moved that the church be received as a constituent of this body.

Letters from sister Associations called for.

An invitation was given to visiting ministers of our faith and order: whereupon, Elders Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, T. H. Pritchard, Agent of W. F. College, and J. J. James Editor of the Biblical Recorder, took seats with us.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock; prayer by Elder Kornegay.

SATURDAY, Oct. 7.

The Association met according to adjournment. The list of churches was called over, a majority being represented, the Moderator read the 8th Psalm and sang a hymn; Prayer by Elder James.

On motion, brother S. S. Biddle, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, was authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee the sum of $289, it being the residue of $300

heretofore appropriated by the Convention for Domestic Missions within our bounds.

The Executive Committee made a report. Report received, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes. (See App. A.)

On motion, the following Committees were appointed and requested to report on Monday.

On Temperance—Elder W. M. Kenneday, and brethren H. E. Carr and Isham Royal.

Foreign Missions—Elders Kornegay, J. J. James, and brother S. S. Biddle.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren Biddle, Ellis and L. Carroll.

Bible Cause—Elders Wingate, Williams and Pritchard.

On Periodicals—Elders Fennell, James and Pritchard.

Resolved, That the Church at Frenches Creek be re-inserted in our minutes.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to examine the reports of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and Treasurer of the Association: Committee—Brethren C. D. Ellis and S. S. Biddle.

Elder J. J. James made a statement with regard to the Biblical Recorder, urging its claims upon the denomination for patronage.

Resolved, That Elders McAlpin and Kenneday be requested to solicit subscribers for the Recorder during our session.

On motion, brother O. M. Mathis was appointed to write the letter of correspondence to the Chowan Association—Elder McAlpin to the Cape Fear.

Brother C. D. Ellis to the Tar River; Elder Kornegay to the Raleigh, and Elder Williams to the Pamlico Association.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Brethren Fennell, Kenneday and J. D. Carrell.

Two communications were addressed to the Association. On motion a committee was appointed to examine them. Committee—Brethren Kornegay and L. Carroll, who making the necessary investigation moved that one of them be referred to the Executive Committee. Concurred in.

On motion the following committee was appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Brethren Wingate, Mitchell and A. B. Alderman

Moved that Elder G. W. Hufham preach the introductory sermon at our next Association; and that Elder A. Guy be his alternate.

Moved that Elder Wingate preach the Charity Sermon at our next session, and that Elder Wallace be his alternate.

Moved that a Presbytery be appointed to examine into the qualifications of brother Ranney, the candidate for ordination from Wilmington. Presbytery—Elders Fennell, James, McAlpin, Wallace and Alderman.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, report brethren B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, H. J. Hobbs, L. Carrell, Hinton E. Carr, L. Highsmith and D. J. Middleton. Report concurred in.

On motion, a Presbytery was appointed to visit Piney Grove, Jones county, to examine into the qualifications of brother Rhodes, and if found worthy, ordain him to the Ministry.

Presbytery.—Elders Wallace, McAlpin, Gorden, Williams and Walthall.

The Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Treasurer of the Association, report all right.

Moved that the Association take a recess for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

The Committee to nominate suitable delegates to the Baptist State Convention, report the following names, which was concurred in, viz: T. J. Boykin, L. Carroll, S. S. Biddle, J. A. Parker, F. Faison, J. Loftin, J. F. Oliver, Z. Slade, H. J. Hobbs, L. F. Williams, G. W. Wallace, H. McAlpin, W. M. Kenneday, G. W. Hufham, M. J. Taylor, Amos Royal, L. Highsmith, A. Guy, C. D. Ellis, J. P. Faison, B. Oliver, S. J. Faison, G. R. French, W. H. Jordan, A. Faison, J. C. Stevenson, J. L. Boykin, Geo. Fennell, H. E. Carr, N. C. Faison, Joel Hines, A. B. Alderman, E. H. Ranney, A. Williamson, J. T. Moore, O. M. Mathis, C. P. Moore, C. C. Gorden, ——Walthall.

Resolved, That it is important to the Baptist cause within the bounds of this Association to have active Colporteurs to operate in connexion with the Home Mission department.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to her churches the following books, viz: The Great Iron Wheel, Orchards History of the Baptists, Duncans Baptist History, Howels Evils of Infant Baptism, and Jeter on Cambleism, as valuable publications.

Committee on Wake Forest College made a report. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See App. B.)

Resolved, That Elder Williams advertise in the Biblical Recorder for the missing copies of the minutes of the Neuse, Goshen and Cape Fear Associations; and when secured (together with the copies he now has on hand) to be sent to brother C. D. Ellis, of Wilmington, for the purpose of having them bound.

Resolved, That $10 be appropriated to Elder Williams for his trouble in collecting missing minutes.

Committee on Schools report. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See App. C.)

Resolved, That Elders Kenneday and Kornegay be authorized to solicit subscriptions for stock in the "Warsaw High School."

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to recommend ten Trustees for the "Warsaw High School." Committee—B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis and L. Carroll.

Moved that a committee be appointed to employ an agent to solicit contributions for the Warsaw High School. Committee—B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis and L. Carroll.

Resolved, That our next session of the Association be held with the church at Boykin's Chapel, Sampson county, to commence on Thursday before the first Lord's day in October 1856.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning 9½ o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY, Oct. 8th.

The Presbytery having examined into the qualifications of brother Ranney, the candidate for ordination, being satisfied as to his fitness, proceeded to ordain him. Elder Wingate read the 3d chapter of 1st Timothy; prayer by same. Elder James delivered the charge. Elder McAlpin presented the Bible; Elder Wallace gave the right hand of fellowship; singing and prayer by Elder Alderman.

Elders James, Wingate and Kornegay preached the word with *great* ability, to a large and respectful audience. We trust that there was "bread cast upon the waters to return after many days."

MONDAY, Oct. 9th.

The Association met. A list of the churches was called, a majority being represented, the Moderator read the 46th Psalm, sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder Kenneday.

Elders Pritchard and Fennell were appointed a committee to carry out the object recommended by the committee on Wake Forest College.

On motion, the regular business was suspended for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved, That the 13th article of the Constitution be altered so as to require this Association to meet on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, and closd on the Sabbath.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Moved that all the funds collected on yesterday be paid over to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

COMMITTEES CALLED ON TO REPORT.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported: Report received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (See App. D.)

Your Committee appointed to report a resolution for the benifit of Wake Forest College submit the following.

Resolved, That each church of this association raise one dollar per number in order to further the speedy endowment of that Institution, and that the following brethren be appointed to secure the above object, to wit:

Wilmington, C. D. Ellis; Mt. Holly, L. Larrell; Moors Creek, J. T. Moore; Olive Branch, C. Hewlet; Bethlehem, Wm. Pridgin; Marshall's M. H., G. W. Marshall; Lebonon, J. W. Taylor; Wells Chapel, L. Highsmith; Rileys Creek, H. W. Taylor; Shiloh, G. A. Herring; Bethel, J. I. Newton; Lisbon, H. Herring; Mt. Gillad, John Vaun; New Hope, C. C. Ooats; Boykins, Chapel, J. L. Boykin; White Oak, H. Bennett; Corinth, A. Hall; Fork, M. H., A. M. Blackbern; Pleasant Union, E. Fisher; Salem, J. A. R. Howard Brown's M. H., A. Brown; Beulah, N. Faison; Piney Grove, H. E Carr; Rowan, O. Williamson; Mt. Zion, S. Andrews; Thund Swamp, D. Howell; Falling Creek, J. R. Parker; Bear Mars, B. Oliver; Johnson's M. H., G. S. Best; Kenansville, D. J. Middleton; Beaver Dam, J. D. Carroll; Concord, M. J. Taylor; Berea, W. H. Murry; Island Cree, H. Dobson; Limestone, W. H. Kenedy; Corinth, W. B. Wells; Piney Grove, Jones Co., Jas. Rhodes, New-Bern, J. C. Stevenson; Brices' Creek, J. Utley; Fort Barnwell, S. S Biddle; Beaufort, Edlr Rayfield; Warren's M. H., J. W. Davis; Harriet's Chapel, J. M. Wooten; Washington, ———; Clinton, Isham Royal; Frenche's Creek, James Evans.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Association to address a circular to the different Associations in North Carolina, requesting them to adopt a resolution similar to the foregoing. Committee--Brethren Kornegay, Biddle, Hufham, Fennell and Wallace.

Committe on Temperance reported. Report received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (See App. E.)

Committee, on Foreign Missions reported. Report received and ordered to be prined. (See App. F.)

Resolved. That this Association, suggest the propriety of holding one, or more protracted meetings during the year, with each church; the minister in charge to call for such help as he may think proper.

Querries from Bethel church concidered. Moved that they be

referred to the next Ministers and Deacons meeting. Concurred in.

Elder Kornegay's letter to the Raleigh Association read and approved.

Brother O. M. Mathis read his letter to to the Chowan Association. Approved.

The deligates appointed to write circulars to the Pamlico, Cape Fear and Tar River Associations, were not ready to report.

Moved, that they be allowed further time.

Elder Carter, Agent of the Chowan Collegiate Institute, Presnted us with a copy of the minutes of the Chowan Association.

Moved, that the order of brother D. Cashwell for $15 be paid by the Treasurer of this Association.

Committee, to appoint a general agent for Warsaw High School, recommend Elder H. McAlpin as a suitable agent, and that he be allowed $30 per month, (for the time engaged on that business) within the bounds of his churches; and $50 per month, for services without the bounds of his churches.

Moved, that Elder McAlpin, be under the control of the trustees.

The Committee, to nominate ten Trustees for "Warsaw High School," reccommend the following, viz: George W. Wallan, D. J. Middleton, J. R, Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, A. M. Faison, C. J. Oats, C. C. Oats, J. L. Carlton, J. D. Carroll, and Hinton E. Carr Concurred in.

Delegatss to Tar River Association,			C. D. Ellis and L. Carroll,
do	do Chowan,	do	O. M. Mathis and G. W. Wallace,
do	do Raleigh,	do	L. Carroll and W. M. Kenneday,
do	dd Pamlico,	do	B. Oliver and L. F. Williams,
do	do Cape Fear,	do	H. McAlpin, C D Ellis G W Wallace;

On motion, took a recess for fifteen minutes.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

Moved, that the Clerk have 1,250 copies of the minutes prsnted for distribution; and that he receive $15 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association, is hereby tendered to the friends and citizens of this vicinity for their unweried Kindness and hospitality during our session.

The following pledges were made for the Itinerancy during the ensuring year:

Wilmington,	$50 00
Rowan,	10 00
Bear Marsh,	30 00
Lebanon,	10 00

Wells, Chapel,	12 00
Moors Creek,	15 00
Thunder Swamp,	5 00
Mt. Holly,	10 00
Kenansville,	10 00

Committee on Periodicals sent in their report. (See App. G.)

Resolved, That as we have now committed ourselves to found a school of high grade at Warsaw in the county of Duplin, and that funds to the amount of $3,000 will be needed to put it into effectual operation, therefore we recommend the churches to aid the Trustees with funds by the 1st day of January next.

Moved, that a committee be appointed to visit Pleasant Union, to inquire into the state of the church: Committee—Brethren W. M. Kenneday, H. Bennett, J. L. Boykin and Isham Royal.

Moved, that the Association now adjourn after a few feeling and appropriate remarks by Elder Fennell, he sang a hymn and prayed. Benediction by the Moderator.

GEORGE W. WALLACE, *Moderator.*

JAMES G. DICKSON, *Clerk.*

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The Treasurer of the Union Baptist Association submits the following as his report:

DR.

To amount Association Fund Oct. 1854.	$115 10
" " Foreign Mission "	103 35
" " African " "	3 60
" " Sabbath collection, J. F.	14 20
" " do do F. Mission,	14 20
" " do do Education,	14 20
	$264 65

CR.

By balance for printing Minutes last year,	$22 10
1854.	
Oct. by Amount paid S. S Biddle, for B. S. C.	135 35
April, 4—Amount paid W. D. Cook, for Printing Minutes,	82 54
Freight on Minutes	1 05
Clerks fees,	15 00
Paid H. J. Hobbs, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Itinerant Fund,	14 20

Respectfully Submitted.

JOHN L. BOYKIN, *Treasurer.*

Concord, Oct. 6th 1855.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Union Association.

DR.

To amount received from the former Committee,	$151 23
" collection at Hallsville,	7 80
" do at Piney Grove,	16 00
" do at the Association,	23 15
" do from J. L. Boykin,	14 20
	$212 38

CR.

By amount paid A. Grey,	$4 00
" " " Wm. M. Kenneday,	2 00
" " " T. W. Raifield,	98 65
	$104 65
By cash now on hand,	107 73
	$212 38

Respectfully Submitted,

H. J. HOBBS, *Treasurer.*

October, 6th 1855.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Wilmington, $5; Association fund, Foreign Missions, 57 08; Mt. Holly Association fund, 2 90; Moor's Creek, A. F. 4 65; Olive Branch and Bethlehem, no letter, Marshall's, M. H. A. F. 1 75; Lebanon, A. F., 3; Wells Chapel, A. F., 4 50; Riley's Creek, A. F., 1; Shiloh, A. F., 2 15; Clinton, A. F., 2; Bethel, A. F., 3 10; Lisbon, A. F., 2; Mt. Gilead, A. F., 2; New Hope, A. F., 4; Boykin's Chapel, A. F., 3; White Oak, A. F., 2 50; Corinth, A. F., 1; Fork M. H. A. F., 1 50; Pleasant Union, A. F., 2; Salem, no letter. Brown' M. H. A, F., 3 25; Education, 5; Beulah, A. F., 2 50; Piney Grove, A. F., 4 05; Rowan, A. F., 3; French's, Creek, A. F., 1 50; Mt. Zion, A. F, 1; Thunder Swamp, A. F., 1 50; Falling Creek, A. F., 1 75; Bear Marsh, A. F., 3 50; Johnson's, A. F., 3; Kenansville, A. F., 4; Beaver Dam, A. F., 3 50; Concord, A. F., 2 75; Berea, A. F., 2; Island Creek, A. F., 4 40; Limestone, A. F., 2 30; Corinth, A. F. 2-50; Piney Grove (Jones,) A. F., 2 25; Newbern, A. F., 1; Brice's Creek, no letter, Fort Barnwell, A. F., 3; Beaufort, no letter, Washington, no letter.

Collection on Sabbath at Concord,	$25 78
By adding up the amounts received at this session from the different churches, it will be seen, that the sum of has been contributed for the Association Fund.	101 80
Contributed for Foreign Missions,	57 08
Contributed for Education,	5 00
Total:	$189 66

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. CARR, *Chairman.*

Concord, Duplin Co. Oct. 1855.

The Committee on the Order of Business submit the following Report:—

1. Committee of Finance;
2. Call for Letters from the Churches;
3. Election of Officers;
4. Committee to supply the stage with Preachers;
5. Petitionary Letters;
6. Call for Letters from Corresponding Bodies;
7. Ministering Brethren invited to seats;
8. Committees;
    1. Executive Committee;
    2. School "
    3. Temperance "
    4. Foreign Missions "
    5. Sabbath School "
    6. Bible Cause "
    7. General and Ministerial Education.
9. A Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee;
10. A Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Association;
11. A Committee on Periodicals;
12. Appointment of persons to write Letters to Corresponding Bodies;
13. Committee to nominate Executive Committee;
14. Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention;
15. Preachers to deliver the Introductory and Charity sermons;
16. Selection of the place for the next Association.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.		DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Rec'd. by letter.	Restored.	Rec'd. by Exp'nce.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Wilmington,	New Hanover.	E. H. Ranney, J. J. Bryan, C. D. Ellis.	8	6			11	7	2	188	138	326
Mount Holly,	do.	L. Carroll, T. J. Lee, A. M. Lamb,	7		1		1		5	74	16	90
Moor's Creek,	do.	C. P. Moore, J. E. Lewis, J. M. Alderman,	16	2	1			3	3	97	51	148
Olive Branch,	do.	No Letter.										
Bethlehem,	do.	No Letter.										
Marshall's M. H.	do.	G. W. Marshall, J. R. Corbett, A. Dew,							1			33
Lebanon,	do.	G. Fennell, J. W. Taylor, O. M. Lewis,	21		2		1	2		35	45	80
Wells' Chapel,	do.	L. Highsmith, J. P. Newton, Jacob Wells.	13		3		5	2	2	81	55	136
Riley's Creek,	do.	H. Brinson.								24	3	27
Shiloh,	do.	G. A. Herring, D. Bland, G. F. Gurgannus,	4	2			3	1	3	84	17	101
Bethel,	Sampson.	A. B. Alderman, Geo. Newton, J. J. Newton,	7	2			7	3		87	31	118
Lisbon,	do.	D. S. Mathis, R. Herring, O. M. Mathis.	25		1			1				72
Mt. Gilead,	do.	J. Vann, Luke A. Powell, H. L Boney,	16	4		1	9		1	81	12	93
New Hope,	do.	H. E. Smith, J. Frederick, Lewis Carroll,	21		2		5	3		140	33	173
Boykin's Chapel,	do.	J. L. Boykin, R. H. Rich, B. Mathis,	32				12	5	1	118	57	175
White Oak,	do.	T. Crumpler, R H. Bennett, H. Bennett,		2	1		6	2	3	58	15	73
Corrinth,	do.	N. Hail, A. Maclemore, J. Rogers,	2				1	1		48		48
Fork M. H.,	do.	J. B. Highsmith, John Smith, H. Peterson,		6			2		1	32	10	42
Pleasant Union,	do.	W. Butler, C. Cooper, T. M. Howard,										
Salem,	do.	A. Royal, John Royal, A. Brown,					3	2		82	8	90

Brown's M. H.,	do.	A. Royal, John Royal, A. Brown.	13			1		1	1	48	58	106
Beaulah,	do.	L. F. Williams, J. P. Faison, A. M. Faison,	3				1		2	66	13	79
Piney Grove,	do.	K. Vann, R. R. Bell, H. E. Carr,	22	1		5			1	82	23	105
Rowan,	do.	B. Williamson, F. Kelly, W. D. Robinson,	13	3	1		8		1	78	18	96
Clinton,	do.	Isaac Boykin, H. J. Hobbs, Isham Royal,		4								20
Mount Zion,	Bladen.	Letter,								21	15	36
French's Creek,	do.	Letter, (no statistics,)										
Thunder Swamp,	Wayne.	O. Norris, J. Flowers, D. Powell,	1						1	37	14	51
Falling Creek,	do.	Z. Parker, Gibson Peterson,							1	14	3	17
Bear Marsh,	Duplin.	J. G. Dickson, J. F. Oliver, D. Glisson,	60		3	1	4	1	5	134	96	230
Johnson's M. H.	do.	A. Guy, W. M. Kenneday, G. S. Best,					3	3	3	133	61	194
Kenansville,	do.	G W. Wallace, H. R. Kornegay, D. J. Middleton.	2					3		45	58	103
Beaver Dam,	do.	G. W. Hufham, L. G. Bass, J. D. Carroll.	15	3	1		1	1	3	81	37	118
Concord,	do.	R. Wilkins, Wm. Bird, John Wilson,			1		1		2	57	26	83
Berea,	do.	H. Murray, D Murray, W. H. Murray,	38	3	3		1	2	1	77	39	116
Island Creek,	do.	R. Wallace, H. G. Maxwell, T. Kilpatrick,	22		1				1	98	12	110
Limestone,	do.	R. Sandlin, Wm. Bostick, W. H. Kenneday,								38	24	62
Corinth,	do.	J. Peterson, M. Savage, W. B. Wells,	12	3						48	4	52
Piney Grove,	Jones.	Jas. Rhodes, J. K. Bender, A. Whitty,	8					1				53
New-Berne,	Craven.	Not represented.										
Brice's Creek,	do.	Not represented.										
Fort Barnwell,	do.	B. F. Biddle, S. S. Biddle, A Lane,	8									16
Beaufort,	Carteret.	Letter, (no statistics,)										
Warren's M. H.,	do.	Letter. (no statistics,)										
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir.	Not represented.										
Washington,	Beaufort.	Not represented.										

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

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1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4 The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privilege of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10 It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship;—and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall

keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

APPENDIX.

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EXECUTIVE.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE TO THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren: We are sorry that we have nothing worthy of your consideration to present this year, from the fact that we were placed in office without the ministers to do anything with.

We were all new, and to a considerable degree unacquainted with the business. Soon after our appointment we held a meeting, and all that we could do was to appoint the same Itinerants that the former Committee had in their respected fields of labour, under the same rules and regulations that they formerly worked under. This they promised to do until our next meeting. But soon after this, we received their resignation; thus we were left without any Itinerant in the field of labour.

Our second meeting was held with the church at Beaver Dam on the fifth Sabbath in December, and Friday and Saturday before.—The weather being very unfavourable, there was but few in attendance in consequence of which we took up no collection. We could not

employ any Minister to engage in the work. We then ordered an advertisement in the Recorder for Ministers.

Our third meeting was held with the church at Hallsville, Duplin county, N. C., on the 5th Sabbath, and Friday and Saturday before, in April. Before this, however, we received a letter from Thos. W. Rafield, dated February 1855, requesting employment as an Itinerant in and round about Beaufort; we engaged him, until the meeting, but before the meeting we received a letter from the church at Beaufort, requesting us that Brother Rafield should be stationed at Beafort as pastor for the church there, and if we could pay him $12\frac{1}{2}$ per month they would make up the balance necessary for his support, which we promised to do. Brother Rafield could not attend one meeting, but sent up his report commencing the 12th of March, in which we find the places he preached at, and the interest manifested, which was quite favorable. We think it unneccessary to give the report at length. We had a very fine meeting at Hallsville, took up a collection on Sabbath amounting to $7 80. Brethren Guy and Kenneday report a few days' labour in a very destitute portion of Duplin county, on the east side of the North-east river, where there seemed to be a great desire for preaching.

Our 4th meeting was held with the church at Piney Grove, Sampson county, fifth Sabbath in July, and Friday and Saturday before. Brother Rafield, the only minister in the field, could not be present with us, in consequence of sickness, but sent a letter, in which we find that the church in Beaufort is gaining strength.

We had a very interesting meeting in this place, there being a great many people in attendance; and on Sabbath we partook of the Lord's supper with the church, and the Lord blessed the church with a refreshing shower of divine grace. The meeting continued for several days, and there was added to the church some over twenty precious souls. At this meeting we took a collection of $16.

Our 5th meeting was held at the house of J. L. K. Williams, on the 5th of October, at which time Brother Rafield, the only Itinerant that we had under our employment, was present, and handed in his report, in which we find that the cause is somewhat prospering, thinks that if there could be preaching in that section there could be a great deal of good done.

Dear brethren, we have done all that we could do; we have prayed over this subject, we have studied and thought, and tried to procure ministerial aid, but hitherto have failed.

All of which we submit for your consideration.

L. F. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

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WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

The Committee upon Wake Forest College, submit the following, as their report.

It was during the session of the convention, of the year 1832 that the first steps were taken towards the establishmen. of an institution of learning under the supervision and control of the Baptists of North Carolina. Prior to that time no concentrated effort had been made to unite the energy and influence of the Baptists in the State. That meeting may be styled an era in our history: for then it was that every portion of the State being represented, resolved to found a school where our sons might be educated free from the bias and sectarian influence of other denominations. It is well remembered by the few surviving brethren, who took an active part in this noble enterprize, what prayerful solicitute was felt in the undertaking of this great work. Their deliberations resulted in the founding of the Wake Forest Institute on the manual labour system. At a subsequent period it was deemed advisable to dispense with the manual labour system, which was done in 1839:—and soon after that the charter was amended, raising it to the dignity of a College. In point of sound learning it now ranks amongst the best institutions in the South. And if it has, during its infancy, and without an endowment—taken rank amongst the best institutions in the South, what may not we hope when it shall be amply endowed. Since it went into operation a marked change for the better has come over the Baptists of North Carolina. It has served as a nucleus around which the affections of our brethren are beginning to cluster, and from which a stream of enlightened piety is going forth to bless the world. In the dark domains of heathen China one of her sons is there calling poor sinners in the name of Jesus to repentance.

That the signal favour of God is resting upon the College is evidenced from the fact that there are seventeen young ministers there receiving an education in order to preach the true Grace of God.

That the wants of the times demand an educated ministry is no longer a question of expediency but one of necessity. Where shall we look then, that the rising ministry called of God to preach his own blessed word, may receive that mental training, literary culture, and practical experience which the exigency of times so imperiously require, but to Wake Forest College—we answer no where. Having no representation in our State ministry—and yet, in point of numerical strength by fifteen thousand the strongest denomination

in the State, how can we suffer our own College to labour under her lingering sufferings for the want of an endowment.

That the Baptists of North Carolina have the ability to endow it admits not of a doubt,—to say that they are unwilling we would regard as a reflection upon their liberality and an impugnment of the motives which has ever distinguished them from other sects, and that their martyred hosts have been slain more for an obstinate attachment to an opinion than for an inflexible adherence to principle.

Having never symbolized with the church of Rome, and holding principles that are as unchanging as the everlasting hills, we must recede from this stand or endow our College. Standing upon apostolic ground we cannot recede. It then only remains for us to suggest in our opinion the most effectual plan to accomplish this long needed object.

We think the churches would effect this work at once by adopting the following method.

Let each church raise one dollar per member and the work will be accomplished without feeling it in the least degree burdensome

In conclusion permit us to recommend the association to raise a committee to report a resolution for the consummation of this object.

All of which is Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HUFHAM, *Chairman.*

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SCHOOLS.

THE COMMITTEE UPON SCHOOLS

Submit the following as their report. In accordance with the resolution of our last Association, in regard to locating a school in the bounds of the Union Association. Said committee met in persuance of the resolution of the Association at Warsaw on the 31st of October, and after receiving a proposition from the citizens of Warsaw with a pledge amounting to the sum of $2,300—after mature deliberation, the committee decided on receiving the proposition and under the instruction of our last meeting took such steps as they thought best to put the school into operation at as early a day as they could. In order to secure a title to a suitable piece of land for a location whereon to erect the proper buildings the committee appointed a Board of Trustees, composed of the following brethren: George W. Wallace, D. J. Middleton, J. R. Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, A. M. Faison, C. J. Oats, C. C. Oats, J. L. Carlton, J. D. Carroll, Hinton E. Carr, L. Carroll, J. W. Taylor, M. C. Blount, L. Highsmith, G. W. Hufham, D. C. Moore, C. D. Ellis, W. M. Kennedy, A. Royal, B. Oliver, Saml. Andres, Jesse Jackson, J. C. Stevenson, J. L. Boykin, S. J. Faison, Lott Croom, Joel Loftin, W. L. Hill, N. Frederick and S. L. Gavin.

To complete the Organization of the Board, G. W. Wallace, was elected President, and D. J. Middleton, Secretary, and A. M. Faison, Treasurer.

A Constitution and By-laws was adopted, which we herewith submit as a part of our report.

We then proceeded to appoint a locating Committee, composed of the following brethren: D. C. Moore, A. M. Faison, G. W. Hufham, D. J. Middleton and J. D. Carroll, who after examining various sites purchased a lot of W. L. Hill, of 14 acres for the sum of $362,50 a portion of this land has been divided into lots and sold for about the sum of $1050. The Board appointed the following named brethren a building committee viz: C. J. Oats, C. C. Oats, A. M. Faison, J. D. Carroll, N. Frederick, S. L. Gavin and D. J. Middleton.

This committee contracted for the building of a house, front building 46 by 34 and the rear wing 30 by 24 to be two stories high to be finished in good style, with a tin roof for the sum of $5,000, all complete except seats and desks. The building is now under way, and will be completed by the 1st. of January next.

We think about $3,500 has been secured by the Warsaw pledge, sale of lots and individual subscriptions leaving a deficit of about $1,500 to finish the building, which will be expected by the 1st. day of January. An additional expenditure of about $1,500 will be required for seats, desks, apparatus, &c.

We recommend the Association to appoint an Agent whose duty it shall be to bring this subject before the churches, and recommend the churches to respond with willing minds to this enterprise so much needed by the denomination.

Respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

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SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report:

From a review of the reports on Sabbath Schools made to this body for years past, it seems to be a settled fact, that all concur in the opinion that they are of vital importance to the rising generation, and that some means ought to be adopted for establishing and sustaining them in all the churches within our bounds.

Solomon says, "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Many of us know this to be true from our own observation. The mind requires food as well as the body, and the child advancing in age, is daily acquiring knowledge, which may be good or evil according to the influences around him. How important, then that correct principles should be instilled in the enquiring and ever active minds of children. If then all admit the propriety of Sunday Schools, why are they so few among us. Is there some obstacle in the way that cannot be overcome, or is it the want of persevering effort on the part of our ministers and deacons? If the last is the true reason of our failure, it is time to awake from our slumbers and go to work in earnest in this great and good cause.

Your Committee would close this report by the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be earnestly recommended to establish Sunday Schools and procure suitable Libraries, and appoint prayer meetings, in connexion with Sunday Schools whenever they are without preaching.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM'L. BIDDLE, *Chairman.*

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TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, submit the following:

That the subject is of too much importance, to be passed unnoticed by this body. But a want of time prevents us giving that attention to it which its importance demands. We would therefore recommend to your favourable consideration the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That intemperance as it now exists among us, is a great moral, social, and political evil, and that it is the indispensable duty of all christians as lovers of God and man, to use their unceasing efforts to remove it out of our land.

2d. Resolved, That each minister within our bounds be requested to preach at least one sermon during the year, to each of their congregations, upon the important subject of Temperance.

3d. Resolved, That we recommend to our ministers and Churches, to encourage the circulation of Temperance perodicals and tracts as a means of promoting the onward march of this great and good cause.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. KENNEDY.

(F)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following "report:"

That in view of the events which have recently happened. in China, God in his providence has opened the way for more extensive operations in the Missionary enterprise, in that *field.* That, information lately received from Central Africa shows that, that hitherto dark and benighted portion of Heathendom, is not only *now* open for *Missionary* operations, but is literally holding out her hands in supplication to us to send them the word of life. There are other important and inviting fields in foreign lands, which might be occupied with much hope of success; indeed it seems, from the present condition of the the nations of the earth, that a mighty change in their affairs and destiny, is about to take place. Is it not our duty, as Christians, to be prepared for these changes, in order to spread the news of *salvation* among the perishing millions of our fellow-beings? What think you, *brethren,* of a proposition to raise, during the approaching year, for the *Foreign field,* a sum sufficient to support a Missionary in Central Africa? This can be accomplished most easily, if every member of our Churches will contribute the small sum of twenty five cents each, for this object. Do you not value Holy Scriptures? value them as containing your sweetest hope, your most *thrilling* joy? I know you do. What would be our condition without the preached word? Remove our Holy Religion from us, break down our *altars* of worship, let the blessed name of Jesus be expunged from our *faith*; and a palpable darkness comes over all our budding hopes. If we can not do without the Gospel ourselves, how can we submit to the idea that we should be torpid in our endeavors to afford to our destitute fellow-beings, the Lamp of life to guide them from *low* earth to the high hill of immortality? Come *brethren,* while room is offered in the ranks whose toils is greatness and whose recompense is the reward of a peace of conscience for having discharged a binding, christian duty.

All of which is Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. KORNEGAY, *Chairman.*

(G)

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee, have no hesitation in saying that of all the various means used by Christians, for imparting useful instruction, disseminating the pure doctrines of the Gospel, advancing and defending the truth as it is in the blessed Bible; a good and ably conducted religious Perodical, stands among the foremost—and we take pleasure in declaring, that we believe the "Bibblical Recorder," edited and published in Raleigh, by our worthy brother J. J. James is just such a paper. There is great need at this time, for an increase of its circulation, and that brethren and friends be prompt in making payments, that the concern be relieved from its present embarrassed situation, that the hands of the Editor be loosed and his heart encouraged to go forward in the arduous work in which he is engaged. Brethren, it is *our* paper, our *State* paper, our *Denominational* paper, and besides all this, our views and usages, as a Denomination, are now being assailed, on every hand—opposition must be met, error exposed and the faith once delivered to the Saints earnestly contended for—and we do insist and confidently hope, that the sacrifices which have been made, in order to keep the paper alive, for the good of the Denomination, will not have to be made again; but that our dear brother will be liberally rewarded for his labor of love. Therefore, resolved, that we earnestly recommend the "Biblical Recorder" to the favour and support of the churches—and that the Ministers and Deacons, be requested to make an effort in their respective churches and congregations, to procure subscribers and send on their name as soon as practicable.

We would further recommend the "Home and Foreign Journal," published in Richmond, Virginia, by the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, to the patronage of the Churches within the bounds of our Association—we consider it an able advocate for the cause of Missions at home and abroad, and that it ought to be in every Baptist family.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. FENNELL, *Chairman.*

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT BOYKIN'S CHAPEL,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

October 2, 3, 4, A. D., 1856.

JAS. G. DICKSON, CLERK, MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.

Goldsboro

"TRIBUNE" JOB OFFICE.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Taylor, Matthew 20th, part 6th verse: "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

After a short recess the Association was called together by the Moderator, Elder George W. Wallace, who read the 85th Psalm. Prayer by Elder Lewis F. Williams.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of Brethren Hinton E. Carr, Isham Royal and James H. Stephens.

On motion, Brethren H. R. Kornegay and Amos Royal were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Letters from the Churches, called for and read; and the names of Delegates were enrolled.

Moved, that the Letter from Clinton be laid on the table.

Moved, that the Letters from Limestone and Bear Marsh be laid on the table.

Committee to supply the stage with preaching—Elder Hugh McAlpin, Brethren John Boykin, Thomas J. Boykin, Benj. Oliver and Arthur Brown.

Committee to superintend the election of Moderator, Brethren H. R. Kornegay and Isham Royal.

Committee to superintend the election of Clerk, Brethren J. L. Boykin and O. M. Mathews.

Committee to superintend the election of Treasurer, Brethren H. McAlpin and R. Herring.

The Committees appointed to superintend the election of Officers for the ensuing year, report—Elder George W. Wallace re-elected Moderator; James G. Dickson re-elected Clerk; and Brother John L. Boykin re-elected Treasurer.

The Baptist Church at Warsaw petitioned for admittance into the Association.

Moved, that she be received as a constituent of this body; whereupon the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to her Delegates.

Letters from sister Associations, or Delegates called for:—A package of Minutes from the Raleigh, Chowan, Pamlico, and Cape Fear Associations was handed in.

A Letter from the Cape Fear Association was presented and read.

Elder J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., presented himself, and was most cordially received.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare business for the action of the Association. Com., Elder J. L. Prichard, and brethren J. L. Boykin and A. Brown.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Prichard.

FRIDAY, October 3rd.

The Association met according to appointment. The Moderator read the 122nd Psalm; sang a hymn—prayer by Elder Kornegay.

The Committee on Order of Business report, viz:

1. Committee of Finance.
2. Call for Letters from the Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Committee to supply the stage with preaching.
5. Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Letters from corresponding bodies.
7. Ministering Brethren invited to seats.
8. Committees.

1. Executive Committee.
2. School "
3. Temperance "
4. Foreign Missions "
5. Sabbath Schools "
6. Bible Cause "
7. General and Ministerial Education Committee.
8. A Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.
9. A Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Association.
10. A Committee on Periodicals.
11. Appointment of persons to write Letters of Correspondence.
12. Committee to nominate Executive Committee.
13. Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
14. Preachers to deliver Introductory and Charity Sermons.
15. Select place to hold next Association.
16. Committee on Itinerancy.
17. Committee on New Business.

J. L. PRICHARD, *Chairman.*

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The Executive Committee made a report.

Moved, that the report be received, and spread upon the Minutes. See Appendix A.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

On Temperance: Brethren H. R. Kornegay, L. F Williams and J. M. Wooten.

On Foreign Missions: Brethren J. L. Prichard, B. Oliver and Wm. M. Kennedy.

On Sabbath Schools: Brethren O. M. Mathews, A. Royal and H. R. Kornegay.

On Bible Cause: Brethren A. B. Alderman, C. C. Gorden and Alfred Guy.

General and Ministerial Education: Brethren J. B. Taylor, J. L. Prichard and C. D. Ellis.

Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee: Brethren Isham Royal, J. M. Wooten and J. L. Boykin.

Committee on Periodicals: Brethren O. M. Mathews, N. Askew and D. J. Middleton.

Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Association: Brethren O. M. Mathews, H. McAlpin and D. K. Kornegay.

Appointment of persons to write Letters of Correspondence to sister Associations, viz: Elder H. R. Kornegay to write to the Chowan, Elder Wm. M. Kennedy to the Cape Fear, Brother J. H. Freeman to the Tar River, Elder L. F. Williams to the Raleigh, and Elder H. McAlpin to the Pamlico Associations.

Committee to nominate the Executive Committee: Brethren O. Alderman, J. H. Stephens and F. B. Millard.

Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Brethren C. D. Ellis, J. H. Freeman and H. E. Carr.

Committee on Itinerancy: Brethren L. F. Williams, I. Royal and J. W. Taylor.

Committee on New Business: Brethren J. L. Prichard, B. Oliver and A. Royal

Elders Moses Baldwin, Agent for the Baptist State Convention. G. Lewis, Agent for the

Biblical Recorder, and John Mitchell, Agent for Wake Forrest College, presented themselves, and were affectionately invited to seats with us.

A package of Minutes from the Tar River Association was handed in.

Whereas, there appears to be a great want of a sufficiency of funds to supply the destitute portions of country with the Word of God within the bounds of this Association, Therefore,

Resolved, That for the more immediate object of carrying out the purpose, the Pastors of the different Churches be requested to preach quarterly one Missionary Sermon and take up a collection for the Itinerancy.

On Motion, the Association took a recess for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

The Delegates from the Newbern Church presented themselves; Letter read and names of Delegates enrolled.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School was presented, and after a good deal of discussion adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes See Appendix B.

Pending the adoption of the report on Warsaw High School, the Delegates from most of the Churches made pecuniary pledges for the relief of said School. Amouut pledged in this way $1,400.

Resolved, That we recommend Elder Moses Baldwin as Agent of the Warsaw High School to the favorable reception of the Churches of this Association, hoping by the united efforts of *all* the Churches, that the debt may be liquidated as soon as possible.

Moved, that a Presbytery be appointed to visit the Limestone Church, and examine into the qualifications of Brother L. J. J. Puckett as to his fitness for the Ministry, and if found worthy ordain him to the Ministry.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed to nominate a Presbytery and report in the morning. Committee: Brethren H. R. Kornegay, B. Oliver and C. D. Ellis.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed to examine essays written upon Queries sent to our last Association, and if they approve, have one of the essays appended to the Minutes. Committee: Elders J. L. Prichard, J. B. Taylor and N. Askew.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. Prayer by Elder Baldwin.

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SATURDAY, October 4th.

The Moderator read the 67th Psalm. Sang a hymn; prayer by Elder Taylor. Moved that the Constitution and Rules of Order for this Association be read. Committee to nominate Executive Committee for the ensuing year report the following persons for said Committee, viz: B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, H. J. Hobbs, Labon Carrol, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith and D. J. Middleton.

Moved, that the Executive Committee have leave to retire whenever their business requires it.

The Committe on Temperance submitted the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That we consider the subject of Temperance of vital importance to the prosperity of the Kingdom of our Lord.

2. *Be it resolved by the Association,* That each member of the different Churches are individually expected to become Temperance lecturers by their sober walk and conversation, and by entirely abstaining from all intoxicating drinks.

3. *Resolved,* That we, as an Association, will use our best endeavours for the building up of the cause of Temperance within our bounds.

4. *Resolved,* That all members of the Association are requested to use their best efforts to distribute Temperance tracts to further the cause of Temperance.

5. *Resolved,* That each Pastor of the different Churches be requested to preach at least two Temperance Sermons, at each Church that they attend regularly during the year.

6. *Resolved,* That we look upon the selling of ardent spirits by Church members as criminal, and they should be dealt with by their Churches.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report. Report read and ordered to be printed. See Appendix C.

On motion, a collection was now taken up for Foreign Missions. Amount contributed $131.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report. Report read and ordered to be printed.—See Appendix D.

The Committee on Bible Cause made a report, which was ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix E.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee submitted their report. See Appendix F.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Association made a report. See Appendix G.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report. See Appendix H.

Elder Lewis made an appeal to the Association in behalf of the Biblical Recorder; as the Paper eminently wortny the patronage of the denomination.

Brother J. A. Stevens, a messenger from the Raleigh Association, was invited to sit with us.

The Committee on Finance report. Report received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. See Appendix I.

On motion, adjourned for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention submitted the following names, viz: J. L. Prichard, J. L. Boykin, L. Carroll, S. S. Biddle, J. A. Parker, Z. Slade, L. F. Williams, G. W. Wallace, B. Oliver, H. McAlpin, G. W. Hufham, D. J. Middleton, W. M. Kennedy, M. J. Taylor, Wm. J. Taylor, A. Royal, A Guy, L. Highsmith, J. P. Faison, S. J. Faison, G. R. French, J. C. Stevenson, Geo. Fennell, H. E. Carr, Joel Hines, A. B. Alderman, E. H. Rauney, C. C. Gorden, J. T. Moore, David Wells, I. Royal, J. H. Freeman, H. R. Kornegay, G. Clute, J. Boykin, Jas. H. Stephens, G. S. Best, O. Alderman, A. Alderman, Benj. Hallett, D. Cashwell, B. F. Mitchell, C. D. Ellis, D. K. Kornegay, N. C. Faison, J. M. Wooten, F. B. Millard, Wm. H. Herring, L. Moore, H. S. Hobbs, Jethro Oats, I. W. Lane, Henry Stevens, O. M. Mathews, R. Herring, W. P. Hobbs, Alex. G. Herring.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may visit the Baptist State Convention, is fully authorized to act as Delegate in said body.

The Committee to nominate a Presbytery to visit Limestone, report: Elders G. W. Wallace, A. Guy, W. M. Kennedy and E. A. Best—concurred in.

Resolved, That the Presbytery appointed at our last session to visit Piney Grove, Jones county, to examine into the qualifications of Brother —— Rhodes; and if found worthy, ordain him,—be reappointed.

Resolved, That we hold our next session of the Association with the Church at Warsaw, Duplin county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1857.

The Letter of correspondence to the Cape Fear Association read and approved. Delegate to the Cape Fear, Elder H. McAlpin.

The Letter to the Chowan read and approved. Delegates to the Chowan, C. D. Ellis and J. L. Prichard.

The Letter to the Tar River Association read and approved. Delegates, C. D. Ellis and G. W. Wallace.

The Letter to the Raleigh Association read and approved. Delegates to the Raleigh, L. Carrol, W. M. Kennedy and J. W. Taylor.

The Letter to the Pamlico Association read and approved. Delegates to the Pamlico, L. Carrol, C. D. Ellis and A. Brown.

The Committee appointed to examine essays on queries sent up to our last Association made a verbal report. The Query, "Is the washing of feet a religious ordinance and binding upon the members of our Churches." After considerable discussion the Association decided, "That in our opinion it is not.

Moved, That Elder G. W. Hufham be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, and that Elder H. R. Kornegay be his alternate.

Moved, that Elder J. L. Prichard preach the Charity Sermon on Sunday, and that G. W. Wallace be his alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerks of the different Churches in making out their Letters for the next Association insert the name of their Post Offices; also the Post Office of their Pastor.

Resolved, That the Clerks send to the next session statistical information of all Benevolent enterprises, in which they are engaged.

Moved, that the Clerk have 1250 copies of the Minutes printed for distribution, and that he be allowed $20 for his services.

Ordered, that the Committee of Finance pay to the Treasurer of this Association the amount of money in their hands.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend any Association with which we correspond, be authorized to represent us in said body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the Brethren and friends generally for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have been entertained.

On motion, a collection was taken up in favour of sister Guy, widow of the late Elder Stephen Guy. Amount contributed $46 25.

Moved, that the Church Letter from Clinton be taken up.

Resolved, That the amount collected to-morrow after the Charity Sermon be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the relief of the Clinton Church.

Moved, that a collection be now taken up for the relief of Elder David Rogers. Amount contributed $23 50

Resolved, That the signal success which has attended the Wake Forest College, calls for special thanksgiving to God, and warrants the most earnest and continued endeavors of its friends to complete the endowment, and otherwise to promote its interests.

On Motion, the Association adjourned. Exhortation and Prayer by Elder Prichard.

G. W. WALLACE. *Moderator.*

JAMES G. DICKSON, *Clerk.*

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SUNDAY, October 5th.

The day being very pleasant, a great mul itude came out to hear the word of life. Elders Mitchell, Prichard and Baldwin preached, with unusual ability, to a very (for the most part,) attentive auditory. May much good follow.

By appointment, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Church at Clinton.—Amount of donations $71 66.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Churches & Counties.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Wilmington, N. Han.	J. L. Prichard, C. D. Ellis, J. H. Freeman,	10	12			4	6	5	177	136	313
Mount Holly, do	L. Carrol, A. M. Lamb, T. J. Lee,		1				2		74	15	89
Moore's Creek, do	D. W. Mott, J. T. Moore, O. Alderman,					4	2	2	119	48	167
Olive Branch, do	A. B. Foy,* Elijah Hewlell,*	6	3			1	2	1	33	10	43
Bethlehem, do	Letter, no Delegate,						6	1			66
Marshall's M. H., do	Not Represented,										
Lebanon, do	G. Fennell, N. D. Fennell,* J. W. Taylor,	7	6	1		1		1	39	53	92
Wells' Chapel, do	L Highsmith, J M Fennell* J T Newton*	2	2			4		1	79	55	134
Riley's Creek, do	G. J. Moore, A. E. Taylor, H. M. Lewis,*	26			3				43	14	57
Shiloh, do	J T Bland, G A Herring* W B M Eakins,	6	2			5	1	2	82	19	101
Bethel, Sampson,	J J Newton; D W Alderman, G. Newton,		1	1		7	5		75	26	101
Lisbon, do	O M Mathews, R Herring, G W Herring jr		3		2				57	18	75
Mt. Gileard, do	J. Vann. S. Peterson, C. T. Stephens,	1	1						83	12	95
New Hope, do	W H Smith,* P Rackley, D F Rivenbark,					5	2	1	132	32	164
Boykin's Chapel, do	F R Peterson, J L Boykin, H McAlpin,	6	4			6	3		117	57	174
White Oak, do	H Bennett, M Crumpler, J H Page,		1			2	1	2	56	15	71
Corinth, do	E Simmons, L S Simmons, J Furmage,						1				50
Fork M. H., do	Not Represented,										
Pleasant Union, do	A E Hall, S Fisher, J H Fisher,		1				6		53	8	61
Salem, do	J A R Howard, N Cooper; J A Crumpler	29	1				1	1	103	15	118
Brown's M. H., do	A. Brown, J. Royal, A. Royal,	2				3	1		45	54	99
Beulah, do	F. B. Millard, L F Williams, J H Stevens,	19		1		4	2	2	64	28	92
Piney Grove, do	J. W. Lane, H. Stevens, H E. Carr,	7			3				88	24	112
Rowan, do	F. Kelly, T. O' Kelly, W. N. Chesnut,		1			4	5	1	70	18	88
Clinton, do	J. Boykin, T. J. Boykin, J Royal,		3			2					21
Mt. Zion, Bladen,	S. Andrews, J. M. Newton,	1							22	15	37
French's Creek, do	Not Represented,										
Thunder S'p, Wayne,	A Flowers, J Flowers, Wm Vernon,*				1				30	30	60
Falling Creek, do	J Cox, A Parker, H Grantham,	17	2						28	8	36
Bear Marsh, Duplin,	B Oliver, J G Dickson, D K Kornegay,	14	1			2	3	6	127	105	232
Warsaw, do	A Guy, T J Guy, Levi Moore,*		14					2			32
Johnson's M. H., do	G S Best* A W Garleton* W M Kenedy,	25	1			27	2	1	108	113	221
Kenansville do	G W Wallace, H R Kornegay, J Dobson,						1	1	40	57	97
Beaver Dam, do	G W Hufham* E G Bass* J W Swinson,	8	1			1		1	85	38	123
Concord, do	J Taylor, L R Mathis, J W Taylor,	2		2		2	2		60	25	85
Berea, do	H Murray, D H Murray, H S Boney,		3				2		80	37	117
Island Creek, do	R Wallace* T Kilpatrick, H Dobson,					1		1	94	10	104
Limestone, do	L J J Puckett, W H Kenedy, E Southerlin	46		1		1			67	40	107
Corinth, do	J. Boon, D. S. Register,	2	5			1			54	5	59
Piney Grove, Jones,	Not Represented,										
Newbern, Craven,	J. S. Walthall,* Z. Slade, C. Dudley,	1	4				4	4	68	9	77
Brice's Creek, do	Not Represented,										
Fort Barnwell, do	Not Represented,										
Beaufort, Carteret,	Not Represented,										
Warren's M. H., do	Not Represented,										
Harriet's Ch. Lenoir,	S B Caraway* J Jackson* J M Wooten,	4	7						39	9	48
Washington, Beauf't	Not Represented.										

*Absent.

APPENDIX A.

EXECUTIVE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:—

They have had in their employment Elders A. Guy, A. B. Alderman, W. M. Kennedy, J. P. Faison, H. R. Kornegay and E. A. Rauney. Brethren Guy and Faison labored with Limestone, Berea, Corinth and Warsaw Churches, and east of the N. E. River; and as the result of their labors sixty have been baptised, and five received for baptism.

Bro. A. B. Alderman was appointed to labor with Spring Branch, Falling Creek, White Oak, Pleasant Union, and on the western borders of the Association; and was instrumental in adding to their Churches forty-three by baptism, one by experience, and three by letter.

Bro. E. A. Rauney was appointed to labor with Riley's Creek and Olive Branch Churches, and has baptised six.

Bro. H. R. Kornegay was appointed to labor on the East side of the N. E. River, and baptised four.

Bro. W. M. Kennedy was appointed to labor at Riley's Creek, Richlands Chapel and Smith's School House, and baptised thirty-one.

The Committee wish to explain to those Churches which support their Pastor and contribute also to the Itinerant fund, that these contributions go towards paying the Itinerants for labor performed in fields where there are no Churches and very few professors and from which they receive little or no pay.

Number baptised one hundred and forty-four, received for baptism five, by letter three. The Committee cannot close this report without returning thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of success that has attended the labors of our Itinerants, and they would ask, in view of the many precious souls that have been brought from darkness to light, who regrets any amount that he has contributed? Who would have it back again to appropriate to any other object?

And now, dear Brethren, in closing this report, we would most earnestly and affectionately urge upon the Churches that they pray more fervently for the divine blessing, that they labor more zealously in the cause of our adorable Redeemer, and that they contribute much more liberally of their means. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

(B.)

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

Annual report of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School:—

In presenting this our annual report, we are happy to inform you that our buildings are completed, and that all necessary steps have been taken to put the School in operation.—The School will open, by appointment, on the 29th inst., under the management of Bro. S. J. Faison, whose services we have secured as Principal, and of whose abilities it is needless for us to speak, as he is as well known to your Body, as to ourselves. The Board has also established an Agricultural Chemical Department in the School, and have secured the services of Prof. R. H. Drisdale, a gentleman who comes to us highly recommended by some of the best Institutions of Europe, to take charge of this Department.

You will see, Brethren, that the Board have spared no pains or labor to bring our infant Institution thus far towards completion; and while we are happy to inform you of the progress we have made, we are pained to say that the liabilities are very heavy. Our House has been built at a cost of $5,000—fifteen hundred of which has been paid, and there is yet remaining to be collected on former subscriptions some $500 leaving a balance of Three thousand dollars, the debt of the Association. This amount is wanted forthwith by the builder, who says he shall sue for it at October Term of Duplin County Court, if some arrangements are not made at this session of your Body for raising the money.

Brethren, this house is considered as being the property of the Union Baptist Association. The Board of Trustees was appointed by you, to carry out your plans, you sanctioned and

approved this measure, and upon you devolves the duty of liquidating this debt. If the money is not raised in due time the house will have to be sold, and the Board will have to make good the deficiency, if any. In that event the Association will incur a reproach from which it will not recover during the memory of the present generation.

Brethren, think on these things; you know too well the value of Denominational Schools, to be reminded of them here; and as much will be said at your session upon this subject, we forbear further remarks in this "Report."

We will only add that our house is finished in good style, and that it is considered by competent judges as being well worth the money which it cost. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WALLACE, *President.*
WM. M. KENNEDY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

September 19th, 1856.

(C.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That it is the will of God to bring the nations of the earth under the control of his Son, no careful reader of the Bible can for a moment doubt. It is equally clear that he will accomplish this result, by the instrumentality of his people. The Churches of Jesus Christ are to be the agents by which the gospel is to be proclaimed to every creature, and by which, all the tribes of the world are to see the salvation of our God. Within a few years, God has opened wide and promising fields among the heathen to the view of Southern Baptists, and in his Providence he is calling upon them to enter and cultivate these fields. China, with her more than 300,000,000 of idolaters, is accessible. Our Foreign Mission Board located in Richmond, Va., has there six male and five female laborers, and the prospects of success are peculiarly cheering. In Africa on the western coast, we have about twenty stations, with as many or more laborers all colored men, and in Yoruba in Central Africa, our Board has eight male and four female Missionaries, who are prosecuting their work with most hopeful indications of success. These are the points which we are called to occupy. Your Committee express the hope that the Churches of this Association will readily and zealously co operate in sustaining our brethren and sisters who are toiling in the Foreign field. Shall they not share in our sympathies, prayers and pecuniary contributions? If our Pastors perform their duty, we believe they will. Cannot every Church be induced to make, at some early period, a contribution to this cause. We beg leave with this view to propose for the adoption of this body, the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to each Church, to take up a special collection for Foreign Missions, at the earliest practicable period. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. PRICHARD, *Chairman.*

(D.)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that in looking over the Minutes of past Associations we find much has been said, from time to time upon this subject; but we believe very little has been done, especially in the *country,* in this important sphere of christian effort. Therefore we recommend the following:

Resolved, That if our Churches would do more, and the Association write less upon this subject, more good might be accomplished. Submitted.

H. R. KORNEGAY, *Chairman.*

(E.)

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible beg leave to submit the following report on the Bible:

On the glorious truths therein revealed, are founded all our hopes of eternal life; without

a knowledge of the Bible we are enveloped in darkness. In it alone is God known. In it alone do we learn that there is a Saviour, and from it alone do we learn that sinners may be saved. It teaches us plainly that the Saviour died for the sins of the whole world. In it we learn that it is the duty of those who are in possession of it to give it to those who are destitute of it. Freely ye have received, freely give. We fear that there is reason to believe that as Churches and individuals, we are not doing our duty to the Bible. We do not think that we are doing as much as we ought for any department of benevolent effort, but we feel confident that less is being done for the Bible cause than for any other. All other causes have been remembered in our contributions. But what Church, what individual has come up here with a contribution for the Bible? Brethren is this right—can we expect as an Association to prosper when we thus treat the Bible? Let us then, Brethren contribute liberally to the circulation of the Bible in our own and heathen lands.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. B. ALDERMAN, *Chairman.*

(F.)

Executive Committee of Union Association in acct. current with C. D. Ellis, Treas'r.

DR.

October 9, 1855,	To cash paid for 2 Blank Books.				$	45	
Dec'r. 29,	"	"	do	"	A. Guy 3 months' salary,	75	
do	"	"	do	"	A. B. Alderman 3 mos. salary,	75	
do	"	"	do	"	J. P. Faison 12 days "	8	
do	"	"	do	"	H. R. Kornegay 10 days "	10	
do	"	"	do	"	E. H. Rauney 10 days "	10	
March 29, 1856,	"	do	"		A. Guy 3 month's "	75	
do	"	"	do	"	A. B. Alderman 3 mos. "	75	
do	"	"	do	"	H. R. Kornegay 20 days "	20	
do	"	"	do	"	J. P. Faison, per order,	18	
June 28,	"	"	do	"	do 1 months' "	20	
do	"	"	do	"	W. M. Kennedy ¼ 3 mos. "	18	75
do	"	"	do	"	A. Guy 3 months' "	75	
do	"	"	do	"	A. B. Alderman ¾ 3 mos. "	56	25
October 2,	"	"	do	"	do 3 mos. "	75	
do	"	"	do	"	A. Guy 3 months' "	75	
do	"	"	do	"	H. R. Kornegay 36 days "	36	
do	"	"	do	"	Wm. M. Kennedy's travelling expenses on R. R. to and from Riley's Ck.	9	
do	"	"	do	"	J. P. Faison 18 days salary,	12	
						$743 45	
Balance carried to new account,						188 41	$931 86

CR.

October 8, 1855,	By cash received from State Convention,				$289	
Dec'r. 29,	"	do	do	Bro. Hobbs, old account,	107	38
do	"	do	do	Wilmington Church,	50	
do	"	do	do	Piney Grove, Sampson county,	22	
do	"	do	do	Berea,	32	90
do	"	do	do	White Oak,	29	
do	"	do	do	Spring Branch,	56	25
do	"	do	do	Bear Marsh,	30	
do	"	do	do	Falling Creek,	42	85
do	"	do	do	Corinth,	51	50
do	"	do	do	Mount Holly,	10	
do	"	do	do	Pleasant Union,	53	85
do	"	do	do	Collection in Onslow,	5	58
do	"	do	do	Shiloh,	5	
do	"	do	do	Wells' Chapel,	12	
do	"	do	do	Lebanon,	10	
do	"	do	do	Boykin's Chapel,	10	
do	"	do	do	Beulah,	10	
do	"	do	do	Johnsons,	3	10
do	"	do	do	Kenansville,	14	
do	"	do	do	Beaver Dam,	3	50
do	"	do	do	Island Creek,	4	
do	"	do	do	Limestone,	30	
do	"	do	do	Mt. Zion,	6	30
do	"	do	do	Warsaw,	8	
do	"	do	do	Bro. H. R. Kornegay,	9	50
do	"	do	do	from Newbern,	21	15
do	"	do	do	Thunder Swamp,	5	
					$931	86

We find the above account correct.
October 4th, 1856.

ISHAM ROYAL, Chairman.

(G.)

The Treasurer of the Association presented the following report:

DR

Oct. 8th, 1855.	Association fund	$101 80
	Foreign Missons,	57 08
	Education,	5 00
	Sabbath collection,	25 78
		$189 66

CR.

Oct. 8, 1855.	By am't. paid	S. S. Biddle for Convention,	$87 86
	" "	J. G. Dickson Clerk,	15 00
	" "	Order of D. Cashwell,	15 00
	" "	L. F. Williams	10 00
	" "	Due Treas. last year,	5 60
	" "	Printing Minutes, R. & B.	70 00
	Balance due Treasurer $13 80		$203 46

J. L. BOYKIN, Treasurer.

Boykin's Chapel, Oct, 3, 1856.

The committee to examine the account of the Treasurer find all correct.

O. M. MATHEWS, Ch'n.

(H.)

PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals respectfully submit the following.

The deliberate observer can perceive the hand of omnipotence mysteriously working in all the improvements that promise utility to our race. Among the innumerable agents now committed to human administration, for the reformation of our species, we would assign the Press a conspicuous rank.

Our dear brethren, we having so long enjoyed the liberty of conscience, and the press, are in imminent danger of undervaluing them, from the fact that we fail to remember and understand their original price and design.

Religious Periodicals are of comparative recent establishment. Now that we duly appreciate their merit let us suppose them to be so many luminaries blazing with all their refulgence, but suddenly withdrawn from the religious horizon, and the former state of affairs restored. Let us imagine that we have no means of inculcating scriptural admonitions, but by the living voice, no method of organizing the vast Denominational interests of our State and country, destitude of all the influence of our superannuated Ministers, and lay members, for the desideratum of these periodicals. What would those mighty spirits do, that appear to be peculiarly adapted to counsel through this medium. We have a great supply of such talent, and through the instrumentality of religious periodicals it can be obtained to operate effectually for the glorious dissemination of light and truth in those destitute regions, in which the living messenger cannot yet be sent. It seems that God in his wonderful providence has been gradually paving the way by the development of the abstruse sciences, and their application to the practical purposes of life, to send the Gospel properly investigated to the distant and deplorable heathen lands.

Let us attribute to God much of the success that has attended our Internal Improvemen system, through the appliance of steam to animate the iron horse, enabling him to trans port and concentrate His ministers, and material, at any point, to invigorate the majestic steam boat, prepairing her to carry the fruits of civilization into clime, interchanging the manners and customs of all nations, and diffusing His Gospel Missionaries, and religious periodicals to awaken and enlighten the benighted. The Telegraphic system, is another great agent. Then our periodicals are enhanced in value, proportionably as the facilities for their transportation are increased. It is a sublime thought, and a source of consolation to

us, intelligent creatures to believe that our Heavenly Father is promoting such works for scattering religion over the earth.

Brethren, we regard education poised by deep toned piety, as a powerful co-worker with us in all our labors of love, and in order that instruction may have this equilibrium, let us have one or more good religious papers.

We recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Biblical Recorder, is the Baptist paper, published in North Carolina, and the Editor having proposed certain improvements, to render the paper more efficient and satisfactory to its readers, earnestly solicits the co-operation and friendly support of the lovers of Baptist principles in the State, therefore,

Resolved, That we sympathize with our beloved editor who has been editing us an excellent periodical at a personal sacrifice,

Resolved, That each delegate, of this Association, will secure during the year responsible subscribers to the Recorder, immediately, remitting names and funds, to the editor, Rev. J. J. James.

Resolved, That we regard the Home and Foreign Journal, published by Rev. J. B. Taylor, Richmond, Va., as a paper which every Baptist should take, to understand our missionary proceedings.

Resolved, That each delegate of this Association will secure during the year responsible subscribers to the Home and Foreign Journal, immediately remitting the funds and names to the editor, Rev. J. B. Taylor, Richmond Va.,

Respectfully submitted,
O. M. MATHEWS, Chairman.

(I)

FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance submit the following as their report:

Wilmington Association Fund $6; Foreign Missions $19 96; Sabbath School $17 34; Mount Holly A. F. $3; Olive Branch $2; Bethlehem $2; Lebanon $3 50; Wells Chapel $4; Riley's Creek $3; Shiloh $2 10; Bethel $2 75; Lisbon $2 15; Mt. Gileard $1 50; New Hope $4; Boykin's Chapel $3 50; White Oak $2 25; Corinth S. $1 50; Pleasant Union $2 10; Salem $2; Brown's M. H. $3 65; Beulah $3; Piney Grove S. $3 35; Rowan $2 50; Clinton $2; Thunder Swamp $1; Bear Marsh $4 25; Johnson's M. H. $3; Kenansville $2; Beaver Dam $3 50, and $6 Education Fund of Baptist State Convention; Concord $3; Berea $3; Island Creek $3 25; Limestone $3 05; Corinth D. $2 25; Harriet's Chapel $3 50; Warsaw $2 50; Mount Zion $1; Warren's M. H. $2; Falling Creek $2 50; Moore's Creek $5; Newbern $3. Aggregate amount received—$152 95. Of this amount $37 30 has been contributed for Foreign Missions. For the Education Fund of B. S. Convention $6. For Association Fund $109 65.

Respectfully submitted. H. E. CARR, Chairman.

Boykin's Chapel, October 4th, 1856.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest, we therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the State of the Church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Sunday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

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RULES OF ORDER
FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro tem, shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order, may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

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RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privilege of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT WARSAW,

DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 1, 2, 3, 1857.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 1st, 1857.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Pritchard—Exodus 14: 15, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

After a recess of half an hour, the Association was called together by the Moderator, who sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder Marable.

The list of churches was called over, a majority being represented.

Brethren J. D. Carroll, H. E. Carr, Jesse Jackson and J. M. Wooten were appointed Finance committee.

Brethren S. S. Satchwell and Amos Royal were appointed Assistant Clerks.

On motion, Elder A. Guy and brethren Levi Moore, Benj. Oliver, L. Carroll, F. B. Millard, were appointed to supply the stage with preaching during our session.

Letters from the churches called for and read.

On motion, the letter from Lisbon was laid on the table. The letters from Beulah, Bear Marsh, Johnsons, and Beaufort, Carteret county, were, on motion, laid on the table.

Committee to superintend the election of Moderator: Brethren F. B. Millard and A. M. Faison.

Committee to superintend the election of Clerk: Brethren Benj. Oliver and J. W. Hall.

Committee to superintend the election of Treasurer: Brethren H. J. Hobbs and L. Carroll.

The committees to superintend the election of officers report Elder G. W. Wallace as re-elected Moderator; Jas. G. Dickson re-elected Clerk, and brother J. L. Boykin re-elected Treasurer.

Elder J. L. Prichard and brethren S. S. Satchwell and J. D. Carroll were appointed to prepare business for the action of this Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

FRIDAY, Oct. 2d, 1857, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Moderator read the 86th Psalm. Prayer by Elder H. P. Brinson.

The list of delegates was called over; a majority being present.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Elder J. S. Walthall, delegate from Newbern church, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, brother Samuel Andres was recognized as delegate from the Mount Zion church.

Called for visiting brethren and letters of correspondence from sister Associations.

Elders J. J. James, T. E. Skinner, A. B. Alderman, J. Howell and J. S. Purify presented themselves (with a package of minutes) from the Raleigh Association. Elder W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, Elder J. B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and Elder B. F. Marable—all of whom were most cordially received and invited to participate in our deliberations.

The committee on business report as follows:

They recommend the appointment of committees to report on the following subjects:

1. Warsaw High School.
2. Ministerial Education.
3. Home Missions.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. Wake Forest College.
6. Sabbath Schools.
7. Temperance.
8. Accounts of the Treasurer of Executive Committee.
9. Accounts of the Treasurer of the Association.
10. On nomination of the Executive committee.
11. Ministerial support.
12. Periodicals.

13. On nomination of delegates to the next Baptist State Convention.

14. On nomination of Ministers to preach the introductory and charity sermon before the next Association.

15. Miscellaneous business.

We recommend that brethren be appointed to write letters of correspondence to sister Associations. The committee recommend that the committee on Miscellaneous business be instructed to report in relation to the subject of safe-guards to the pulpit and protection to the Baptist cause from imposters coming among our people as strangers under the name of delegated Baptist ministers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. SATCHWELL, *Chairman.*

On motion, the letter from Lisbon was taken up. The query from said church was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The letter from Warsaw church was, on motion, referred to the committee on Warsaw High School.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz:

Warsaw High School: S. S. Satchwell, J. L. Prichard and S. S. Biddle.

Ministerial Education: J. L. Prichard, J. D. Carroll and S. J. Faison.

Home Missions: S. S. Biddle, A. B. Alderman and M. Taylor.

Foreign Missions: J. B. Taylor, L. Carroll and A. Royal.

Sabbath Schools: S. S. Satchwell, A. Alderman and L. F. Williams.

Temperance: W. M. Wingate, H. E. Carr and M. C. Blount.

To nominate Executive committee: J. W. Taylor, J. L. Boykin and J. Loftin.

Ministerial Support: J. S. Walthall, J. P. Faison and T. E. Skinner.

Wake Forest College: W. M. Wingate, J. S. Purify and T. E. Skinner.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention: A. Royal and F. B. Millard.

To nominate preachers for introductory and charity sermon: H. J. Hobbs, H. P. Brinson and Levi Moore.

On Periodicals: S. S. Biddle, I. Boykin and J. P. Faison.

To audit Treasurer's report: F. J. Faison, F. B. Millard and A. Alderman.

To audit report of Treasurer of Executive committee: A. M. Faison and B. F. Biddle.

Miscellaneous Business: J. J. James, S. S. Satchwell and H. McAlpin.

Elder E. A. Best from the Pamlico Association appeared and was cordially received.

Brother J. L. Boykin, Treasurer, made a report. (See Appendix A.)

Resolved, That the claims of Wake Forest College be considered immediately after dinner; and that the claims of Warsaw High School be made the order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The following pledges were made for Domestic Missions within our bounds, viz: Wilmington $100; Mt. Holly $10; Moor's Creek $20; Lebanon $15; Will's Chapel $20; Riley's Creek $10; Bethel (S.) $10; Mt. Gillead $10; New Hope $15; Boykin's Chapel $25; Beulah $25; Bear Marsh $30; Beaver Dam $20; Concord $10; Newbern $20; Fort Barnwell $25.

The Moderator announced the following brethren to write letters to sister Associations, viz:

C. D. Ellis to write to Tar River Association.

L. F. Williams to write to Chowan Association.

B. F. Biddle to write to Raleigh Association.

Geo. S. Best to write to Cape Fear Association.

J. M. Millard to write to Pamlico Association.

Moved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of altering the day of meeting of our Association, so that all the business may be done before Saturday.

Committee: J. C. Prichard, B. Oliver and O. Alderman.

On motion, took a recess for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

On motion, the letter from Beaufort was referred to the Executive committee.

A letter from Elder C. C. Gorden was presented, read and, on motion, referred to the committee on Ministerial Support.

Resolved, That in future all the officers of this Association shall be elected by a majority of the delegates present at the time of balloting.

Resolved, That the course and conduct of brother G. W. Wallace, as our presiding officer, has been marked by ability, impartiality, christian love, and true devotion to the Baptist cause, and that he deserves the warmest thanks of the Association, as Moderator, and they are hereby tendered to him.

By appointment the claims of Wake Forest College were now discussed. Elders Wingate, Skinner and Prichard made eloquent, earnest, and patriotic appeals to the denomination in favor of the speedy endowment of said College.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Taylor.

SATURDAY, Oct. 3d, 1857, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Moderator read the 87th Psalm—sang a hymn. Prayer by brother F. B. Millard.

The list of churches was called, a majority being represented, proceeded to business.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing to alter the day of meeting of our Association submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Association meet on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, and continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

Adopted by more than a two-thirds vote.

The Executive committee made a report. Adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Resolved, That this Association approve the action of the Executive committee in securing the ordination of brother Weatherly.

Resolved, That the Association duly appreciate the labors of the Executive committee in trying to infuse a missionary spirit in our midst, and we think that our ministry in the Association have been greatly assisted by the action of the committee in awakening a spirit amongst them to sustain their ministers, so that they may devote themselves entirely to the work; and that we assure them of our prayers and co-operation, and that the heartfelt thanks of the Association is due the

committee; and that the ministers preach one sermon quarterly in their churches, and take up a collection for the support of our Missionary operations.

The committee on Warsaw High School submitted their report. (See Appendix C.)

The Treasurer of Warsaw High School handed in his report. (See Appendix D.)

On motion, H. E. Carr and M. J. Taylor were requested to solicit subscriptions from the congregation for the relief of Warsaw High School.

On motion, took a recess for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

The following pledges were made for Warsaw High School, viz:

Benj. Oliver,	$100
Geo. Best,	100
D. J. Middleton,	100
G. W. Hufham,	100
A. M. Faison,	100
G. R. French,	100
L. Highsmith,	100
J. R. Ezzell,	100
S. S. Biddle,	100
G. W. Wallace,	100
S. S. Satchwell,	50
L. Carroll,	50
J. F. Faison,	50
T. E. Skinner,	50
J. D. Abernathy,	50
J. L. Carthon,	50
W. Carthon,	50
W. H. Smith,	25

A letter from Smith's Chapel was presented and read. Moved that she be received as a constitutent of this body; whereupon, the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to her delegate.

The committee on Sabbath Schools report. (See Appendix E.)

The committee to nominate Executive committee for the year recommend Benj. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, L. Carroll,

L. Highsmith, D. J. Middleton, H. J. Hobbs, H. E. Carr, J. H. Stephens, J. W. Hall and S. S. Satchwell.

Concurred in.

Committee on Finance reported. (See Appendix F.)

Ordered, That the funds in the hands of the Finance committee be paid over to the Treasurer of this Association.

Committee on protection to Baptist cause handed in their report. (See Appendix G.)

Resolved, That the man calling himself Elder David M. Lee, from Texas, and claiming to be a Baptist minister, and who has been recently preaching as such in the bounds of this Association, is an imposter, in the opinion of this body; and the editor of the Recorder is requested to publish him as such, and that churches are cautioned against him.

Moved, That Geo. W. Wallace and S. S. Satchwell be requested to describe him (Lee) and have the same published in the Biblical Recorder.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported. (See Appendix H.)

Moved, That the Treasurer pay over the funds he has in hand "for Foreign Missions" to Elder J. B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Resolved, That G. W. Hufham and A. B. Alderman be appointed to take up a collection for Elders C. C. Gorden and David Rogers.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported. (See Appendix I.)

Committee "on Ministerial Support" handed in a report. (See Appendix J.)

Resolved, That we hold our next session with the Bear Marsh church, commencing on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1858.

On motion, S. S. Biddle and A. Royal were appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Warsaw High School, and A. M. Faison and B. F. Biddle to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive committee. (See Appendix B.)

The committee to nominate preachers for introductory and charity sermons, at our next session, report Elder

Hugh McAlpin to preach the introductory, and Elder G. W. Wallace to be his alternate.

Elder B. F. Marable to preach the charity sermon, and Elder J. S. Walthall to be his alternate.

The letters from Beulah and Johnsons were, on motion, taken up.

Moved, That this Association appoint two Presbyteries to examine into the qualifications of brethren J. D. Hufham, J. P. Faison and G. S. Best, and, should the Presbyteries find them worthy, ordain them to the ministry.

Presbytery to visit Beulah: Elders L. F. Williams, A. Guy, G. W. Wallace and B. F. Marable.

Presbytery to visit Johnsons: Elders G. W. Wallace, G. W. Hufham, A. Guy and W. M. Kennedy.

Committee on Periodicals reported. (See Appendix K.)

The committee to nominate delegates to the next Baptist State Convention submitted the following names, viz: J. L. Prichard, J. L. Boykin, L. Carroll, B. F. Biddle, S. S. Biddle, G. J. Moore, J. E. Lewis, O. Alderman, A. Alderman, J. S. Walthall, H. T. Weatherly, Jesse Jackson, F. J. Faison, D. J. Middleton, G. W. Wallace, L. F. Williams, H. McAlpin, J. D. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay, W. M. Kennedy, B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, J. W. Lane, G. S. Best, J. P. Faison, A. Brown, Joel Loftin, Giles Clute, S. S. Satchwell, J. B. Lane, R. R. Bell, Joel Hines, Isaac Boykin, H. S. Averitt, S. J. Faison, A. Guy, L. Highsmith, M. J. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, M. D. Fennell, G. F. Walker, W. H. Smith, G. W. Hufham, Geo. Fennell, Wm. H. Herring, Z. Slade, J. D. Carroll, B. F. Mitchell, J. A. Darden, O. M. Matthews.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That any member of the Association who may visit the Baptist State Convention be authorized to act as delegate in said body.

Respectfully submitted.

A. ROYAL, *Chiarman.*

Resolved, That a collection be taken up to-morrow for the relief of Warsaw church.

The committee on Domestic Missions handed in their report. (See Appendix L.)

Moved, That the first ten on the list of Trustees of Warsaw High School be re-appointed.

The following were appointed delegates to sister Associations:

To Pamlico: Wm. M. Kennedy, B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis and G. W. Wallace.

To Cape Fear: Arthur Brown and H. McAlpin.

To Tar River: C. D. Ellis and Laban Carroll.

To Raleigh: B. F. Biddle, S. S. Biddle and J. D. Hufham.

To Chowan: L. F. Williams and H. T. Weatherly.

Resolved, That the committee on Temperance have further time to report.

Moved, That the whole matter of devising means for the support of superanuated ministers be referred to the Executive committee.

Resolved, That the Clerk have printed, at the Biblical Recorder office, 1,250 copies of the Minutes for distribution, and that he have the usual fee for his services.

Resolved, That we, members of the Union Association, return our thanks to the citizens of Warsaw and the surrounding country for their liberal hospitality extended to this Association during its present session.

The Post Master handed in the letter from the Newbern church.

Ordered, That the Clerk insert amount of funds and statistics in the Minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Taylor. Benediction by the Moderator.

G. W. WALLACE, *Moderator.*

J. G. DICKSON, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY, Oct. 4th, 1857.

A vast multitude came out and preaching was continued at the stand, and in the church, until late in the evening by Elders J. J. James, W. M. Wingate, J. S. Walthall, H. T. Weatherly and B. F. Marable. All of whom preached the word with great zeal and marked ability. "May the seed sown be as bread cast upon the waters."

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Wilmington, ...	New Hanover,	J. L. Pritchard, C D. Ellis, A. Alderman, ...	22	15	3	6	9	6	3	184	151	335
Mount Holly, ...	New Hanover,	Laban Carroll, Lot Croom, J. J. Croom, ...	8	1	0	0	3	2	0	76	16	92
Moor's Creek, ..	New Hanover,	H. P. Brinson, O. Alderman, G. F. Walker, ...	39	2	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	199
Olive Branch, ...	New Hanove ,	Not represented, ...										
Bethlehem, ...	New Hanover,	Letter—no delegate, ...	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	06
Marshall's M. H.,	New Hanover,	Not represented, ...										
Lebanon, ...	New Hanover,	C. B. Corbett, N. D. Fennell, J. W. Taylor, ...	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	37	51	88
Will's Capel, ...	New Hanover,	Lewis Highsmith, S. Newto , G. W. Highsmith, .	0	1	0	0	0	6	3	78	55	133
Riley's Creek, ...	New Hanover,	S S. Satchwell, George J. Moore,* A. E. Taylor, .	14	4	0	0	0	1	1	60	20	80
Shiloh, ...	New Hanover,	W. B. M. Eakins, W. J. Herring, H. S. Averitt, ..	26	0	1	0	0	0	1	96	30	126
Bethel, ...	Sampson, ...	W. Fryer, A. Alderman, I. J. Newton, ...	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	71	28	99
Lisbon, ...	Sampson, ...	D. S. Matthews, I. Smith,* Hardy Herring, ...	0	15	0	0	0	1	0	64	17	81
Mt. Gillead, ...	Samp on, ...	Luke A. Powell, John Vann, D. Bouey, ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	11	81
New Hope, ...	Sampson, ...	H. E. Smith, W. H. Smith, Joshua R. Ezzell, ...	1				4	0	2	136	33	159
Boykin's Chapel,	Sampson, ...	Hugh McAlpin, H. J. Hobbs, John L. Boykin, ...	20	2	4	0	2	7	1	121	69	190
White Oak, ...	Sampson, ...	N. Watson, H. Bennett, A. Butler, ...	10	1	1	0	1	3	0	59	19	78
Corinth, ...	Sampson, ...	Not represented, ...										
Fork M. H., ...	Sampson, ...	Not represented, ...										
Pleasant Union, .	Sampson, ...	S. Fisher,* W. Underwood,* A. Hall,*	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	54	9	63
Salem, ...	Sampson, ...	N. Cooper,* W. Butler, T. M. Howard,*	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	99	14	113
Brown's M. H., .	Sampson, ...	A. Brown, W. P. Hobbs, Amos Royal, ...	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	46	54	100
Beulah, ...	Sampson, ...	F. B. Millard, F. J. Faison, Junius Millard, ...	11	3	0	11	5	3	0	61	38	99

Piney Grove, ...	Sampson, ...	H. E. Carr, Kedar Vann, J. C. Hines, ...	0	6	0	2	1	0	3	85	29	114
Rowan, ...	Sampson, ...	F. Kelly, O. Williamson, W. N. Chesnut, ...	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	65	18	73
Clinton, ...	Sampson, ...	J. M. Mosely, Isaac Boykin, J. Peterson, ...	2	6	0	0	2	1	0	23	2	25
Mount Zion, ...	Bladen, ...	Samuel Andres—no letter.										
French's Creek,	Bladen, ...	Isaac Haney, W. J. C. Bush,*—no statistics, ...										
Thunder Swamp,	Wayne, ...	Wm. Vernon,* John Flowers, M. Daniel, ...	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	31	24	55
Falling Creek, ..	Wayne, ...	J. R. Parker, J. Hood, A. Parker, ...	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	8	44
Bear Marsh, ...	Duplin, ...	B. Oliver, Joel Loftin, Jas. G. Dickson, ...	8	3	2	0	6	2	2	128	111	239
Warsaw, ...	Duplin, ...	H. T. Weatherly, A. Guy, Rowland Best, ...	0	10	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	36
Johnsons M. H.,	Duplin, ...	George S. Best, Thomas Phillips, Wm. M. Kennedy,	20	0	0	0	3	1	0	105	130	235
Kenansville, ...	Duplin, ...	George W. Wallace, Giles Clute, H. R. Kornegay,	1	4	1	4	4	2	0	39	59	98
Beaver Dam, ...	Duplin, ...	Geo. W. Hufham, J. D. Carroll, D. C. Moore, ...	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	90	36	126
Concord, ...	Duplin, ...	J. Wilson, M J. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, ...	16	0	1	0	1	2	3	58	34	92
Berea, ...	Dup in, ...	D. H. Murray, H. S. Boney, W. Teachey,*	15	1	0	0	1	2	0	83	48	131
Island Creek, ...	Duplin, ...	J. Chastin,* H. Dobson, H. G. Maxwell, ...	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	95	9	104
Limestone, ...	Duplin, ...	L. J. J. Puckett,* J. W. Hall, J. Brown, ...	17	3	0	1	1	0	0	88	40	128
Corinth, ...	Duplin, ...	J. K. Williams, D. S. Register, Wm. B. Wells, ...	1	1	0	0	6	1	1	47	6	53
Smith's Chapel, .	Duplin, ...	Geo. Smith,* F. Grady, Bryant Smith,*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	28
Piney Grove, ...	Jones, ...	Not represented, ...										
Newbern, ...	Craven, ...	J. S Walthall, J. M. C. Brinson,* C. Kelly,*	23	1	5	1	3	0	3	87	6	93
Brice's Creek, ..	Craven, ...	Not represented, ...										
Fort Barnwell, ..	Craven, ...	S. S. Biddle, B. F. Biddle, Alfred Lane, ...	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	34
Beaufort, ...	Carteret, ...	John Nichols, ...	15	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	40
Warren's M. H.,	Carteret, ...	Not represented, ...										
Harriet's Chapel,	Lenoir, ...	J. M. Wooten, Jesse Jackson, S. E. Loftin, ...	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	30	13	43
Washington, ...	Beaufort, ...	Not represented, ...										

* Absentees.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount of Association fund, Oct. 4, 1856,	$109 65
Foreign Missions, - - - - - - -	37 30
Education fund Baptist State Convention,	6 00
	$152 95

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By balance for printing Minutes last year, -		$13 80
Oct. 4, '56.	Paid John Mitchell for Convention,	43 30
"	J. G. Dickson, Clerk, - -	20 00
Nov. 22. "	Printing Minutes, - - -	70 00
		147 10
Balance due, - - - - - - - -		$5 85

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BOYKIN, *Treasurer.*

Oct. 1st, 1857.

We, the undersigned committee to audit the Treasurer's account, find the above correct.

F. J. FAISON, *Chairman.*

Oct. 2d, 1857.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive committee of Union Baptist Association submit the following report:

During the year just closed we have had five brethren employed either part or all the time, and we have abundant reason to be grateful to God for the success which has attended their efforts, and for the encouraging prospects which are still held out. In some places where the brethren were weak large additions have been made and self sustaining churches have been built up. In some regions entirely destitute, happy conversions have been witnessed, and in every case there has been a marked improvement in the condition of the people. Wherever they have been preached to, their attendance has become more constant and respectful.

Brother Alderman has been laboring mostly in Sampson. He has preached regularly at Falling Creek, Pleasant Union, Spring Branch and White Oak, and one-fourth of his time has been devoted to regions entirely destitute. He has had difficulties to encounter which no one can appreciate without seeing something of them. The brethren were weak and scattered, and the congregations ignorant of God. He reports 21 baptized, and a gradual improvement in the condition of the people to whom he preached.

Brother Guy reports entire devotion to the work in his field. One-fourth of his time has been given to the destitute portions of Duplin and New Hanover counties. He has preached regularly at Limestone, Corinth, Berea and Warsaw, and his labors have been greatly blessed. Upwards of 70 have been baptized during the present year, and he reports the prospect as encouraging. Limestone church has enjoyed a glorious revival, and they are so much strengthened that they are building themselves a house of worship.

Brother Kornegay has been laboring in destitute portions of Duplin, Wayne and Onslow. His work has been blessed, and several have been baptized. A church has been constituted at Smith's Chapel, and a house of worship erected in his own neighborhood.

Brother Kennedy's connection with us has been confined to Riley's Creek, and even here we have only paid his railroad expenses to and from the church. But the money

and labor thus employed have been followed by results which are truly gratifying. Two glorious revivals have so strengthened the church that it is now not only self-sustaining but contributes of its means to the support of the gospel in other regions.

Brother H. T. Weatherly has been in our employment, and as there has been in his case a slight departure from our custom, some explanation may be necessary. Beaufort was a destitute point which had long been considered as a very important one. Brother Weatherly who had recently united with the Baptist church seemed to be a fit man for the place. But he was not ordained, and after considering the wants of the place and length of time that must elapse before the Association, we thought it best for brother W. to be ordained at once. A presbytery consisting of brethren G. W. Wallace, G. W. Hufham, A. Guy and W. M. Kennedy was appointed, who, after examining brother Weatherly and finding him sound in faith and doctrine, ordained him to the work of the ministry at Johnsons meeting house on the first Sabbath in February. Our action in the matter is now submitted to you for your approval or disapproval. He has since then been laboring at Beaufort, and the letter from the church at that place will show the results.

The receipts for the itinerant fund from individuals and churches for this year have been $967 89, (including balance from last year of $188 41.) We have paid out $791. Such is a short sketch of our operations and their results. All has not been done that we wished, but we feel that there is abundant reason to be grateful for the blessings which God has bestowed, and for encouragement in the future. But there is a greater demand for aid from the churches. From every quarter there comes up the cry of destitution, of men ignorant of God and desiring to have His word preached to them. Who can, who will stand idle under these circumstances? Brother Weatherly reports success beyond his expectations. Fifteen have been added to the church by baptism and five by letter. The church is now in a healthy condition, though rather weak, and the prospects are cheering. The congregations are generally good, and there seems to be much seriousness among them.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ. OLIVER, *Chairman.*

[B.]

Executive Committee of the Union Association

In account current with C. D. ELLIS, *Treasurer:*

1856.	Dr.		
Oct. 4,	To cash paid Elder H. McAlpin for services in Onslow,		$5 00
	To cash paid Elder L. F. Williams for services in Onslow,		5 00
Nov. 29.	To cash to Elder W. M. Kennedy,		6 00
	" " " " " " " railroad expenses,		3 00
	To cash to Elder H. R. Kornegay, 17 days labor,		17 00
	To cash to Elder A. Guy, 2 months service,		50 00
	To cash to Elder A. B. Alderman, 3-4 of 2 months,		37 50
Mar. 30.	To cash to Elder W. M. Kennedy,		12 00
	" " " " A. Guy, 4 months,		100 00
	" " " " H. R. Kornegay,		37 00
	" " " " J. D. Hufham,		10 00
May 30.	To cash to Elder A. Guy, 2 months,		50 00
	" " " " A. B. Alderman, six months,		150 00
	To cash to Elder H. R. Kornegay,		19 50
	" " " " W. M. Kennedy,		6 00
	" " " " H. T. Weatherly, 1-4 salary, at $150 per annum,		37 50
Oct. 2.	To cash to Elder A. Guy, 4 months,		100 00
	" " " " A. B. Alderman, 3-4 of 4 months,		75 00
	To cash to Elder H. T. Weatherly, 2 quarters,		62 50
	To cash to Elder W. M. Kennedy,		8 00
			$791 00
	To contingent expense,	$15 00	
	To balance carried to new account,	161 89	176 89
			$967 89

1856.	Cr.	
Oct. 2.	By amount from old account,	$188 41
Nov. 29.	" Sabbath collection at Berea,	3 05
Mar. 30.	" " " " Onslow,	16 50
	" " " " Smith's Chap'l,	6 60
May 29.	By Sabbath collection at Corinth,	8 35
	By cash collected by H. R. Kornegay,	19 50
	Collected from churches during the year:	
	From Rowan,	10 00
	" Corinth,	73 50
	" Berea,	67 00
	" Limestone,	86 87
	" Warsaw,	2 00
	" Fallen Creek,	83 90
	" Smith's Chapel,	12 25
	" Kenansville,	6 25
	" Mount Holly,	6 25
	" Will's Chapel,	5 00
	" Shiloh,	6 82
	" Bethel,	2 40
	" New Hope,	5 00
	" Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	25 62
	" Wilmington,	100 00
	" Boykin's Chapel,	29 00
	" Johnsons M. H.,	5 65
	" Lebanon,	13 47
	" Concord,	5 20
	" Riley's Creek,	4 10
	" Island Creek,	4 00
	" Bear Marsh,	75 00
	" Pleasant Union,	14 70
	" White Oak,	34 50
	" Spring Branch,	37 50
	" Beaver Dam,	5 00
	" Harriet's Chapel,	4 00
		$ 967 89

CHAS. D. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

E. E. Warsaw, Oct. 2d, 1857.

P. S. Since the above account was made out, received from Beulah $9 60, from Newbern 10,00.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive committee have examined the same and find them correct.

A. M. FAISON, } *Com.*
B. F. BIDDLE, }

[C.]

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The committee appointed to report on the Warsaw High School, report that this institution is of great importance to the Baptist denomination, and to the public at large. It has already accomplished much good, and is destined, under proper control and direction, to do inappreciable good in the future. To urge the value of an institution of this kind, in this enlightened age of progress—in this the full blaze of the nineteenth century—when science, the interpreter of nature, is forming a closer and more inseparable union than ever before with those sublime theological principles which illustrate the divine authority of the Bible, and the mighty truths of christianity, where the philosophical laboratory is every where being instituted side by side with the christian temple, echoing and re-echoing the indisputable fact all over the land, that christian benevolence is the soundest political economy—that "selfishness is loss, and that self-sacrifice is gain;" we say that to urge the claims of the Warsaw High School, under such circumstances, to the members and friends of this Association, we trust is hardly necessary, though to us it would be a labor of love. Brethren are we impressed with the belief that its friends need but to be informed of its indebtedness, of its embarrassments and crippled energies to be induced to march up like men, christian men, willingly, nay, anxiously to its relief? The motives which instituted the Warsaw High School are among the purest, most exalted and most christian that ever actuated mankind. The Trustees deserve the thanks, the deepest gratitude of Baptists, and the warmest commendation of the public, for their enterprise in erecting this School. They have acted nobly in bearing its burdens, from year to year amid the opposition of some and the doubts and fears of nominal friends which often, and perhaps in this case, acts in a most chilling and destructive manner upon the self-sacrificing exertions of the

comparatively few who have stood by the School magnanimously from first to last. Some of the brethren are poor, and yet they have been its warm, and, in some cases, its warmest friends. While poverty has been life-sustaining in its devotions, wealth is too often annihilating in its indifference and selfishness. The School is in debt about $2,800. Most of this amount must be paid in a short time, or the friends of the School, Baptists of the Union Association, must stand by with hearts in their bosoms and hands in their pockets, and enjoy the mortifying spectacle of seeing it sold under the Sheriff's hammer. Will the Baptists of the Union Association prepare for themselves a feast of this sort to sit down to? Will they stand aloof and permit to be sacrificed an institution that is dear to their affections, and of great value to science, literature and religion? These are questions which this present meeting must answer. If such a sad fate befalls the Association, if such a catastrophe is permitted to happen, what a reproach to the Baptist cause—what a blot will be cast upon its escutcheon. Brethren of the Union Association, we beseech you to look at this thing straight in the face, turn not your hearts and faces and purses away, but come up fervently, zealously like men, and subscribe and relieve this valuable and cherished institution of its indebtedness, and you will do good, invaluable good to the public now, and hereafter good to the Baptist cause—good to the glorious cause of our blessed Redeemer, and secure thereby for yourselves a vast amount of enjoyment and satisfaction, because it is more blessed to give than to receive, sayeth the inspired word. To remove any misapprehension that may exist we state that it never was, and it is not designed to make this institution a College, but a mere School, as its name imports. The Baptists have but one College in North-Carolina—Wake Forest College, the great head and front of our denominational institutions, and it would be very unwise to attempt even to have another while our own cherished and noble College at Wake Forest, around which the Baptist affections of the State should cluster, shall present her transcendant claims as a College upon the State and the Baptist denomination.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. SATCHWELL, *Chiarman.*

[D.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer, submitted the following report for the year ending October 1st, 1857:

Oct. 1856.	Received of Elder M. Baldwin, Ag't,	$56 00
Nov. "	" " " G. W. Wallace,	37 00
" "	" " Wm. Smith,	40 00
" "	" " Elder M. Baldwin, Ag't,	226 00
Jan. 1857.	Received of O. M. Matthews,	100 00
March 19.	" " Big Swamp Church,	10 00
" "	" " Boykin's Chapel,	48 00
April.	" " Beulah Church,	52 00
"	" " L. Highsmith,	25 00
"	" " Elder George Fennell,	25 00
"	" " Elder G. W. Wallace,	20 00
"	" " Clinton Church,	17 00
"	" from sale of 7 lots belonging to said School, (4 unsold,)	620 00
July.	Received of Boykin's Chapel,	31 00
(June.)	" " Elder G. W. Wallace,	25 00
"	" " Bear Marsh Church,	100 00
"	" " Kenansville,	30 00
"	" " Island Creek,	16 00
"	" " Isaac B. Kelly,	25 00
		$1,503 00

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Oct. 1856.	Paid by order of Trustees to M. Pegg,	$44 00
	" " " " " " L. Moore,	8 00
	" " " " " " R. H. Drysdale,	59 00
	Paid by order of Trustees to M. Baldwin,	80 00
December.	Paid by order of Trustees to Dr. Perkins,	8 00
Jan. 1857.	Paid by order of Trustees to Geo. W. Wallace,	7 00
"	Paid by order of Trustees to C. B. Hobson,	16 00

March.	Paid order to R. H. Drysdale,	14 00
"	" " " Levi Moore,	16 00
"	" " " Recorder office,	11 50
"	" " " Alfred Boyett,	100 00
August.	" " " Dr. Perkins,	1 00
	" Postage, &c.,	37
(April) 24.	Treasurer's note credited with	209 45
"	Paid to Alfred Boyett,	520 62
"	" " W. P. Bell,	1 50
"	" " D. Stanford,	4 00
"	" " Alfred Boyett,	379 31
		$1,479 75
Balance in Treasury,		$23 25

The committee appointed to audit the above account report that they find it correct.

S. S. BIDDLE, *Chairman.*

[E.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools report that while we go as far as the farthest in our estimate of the great importance of this glorious institution, we feel it incumbent on us to say that Baptist churches, especially those in villages and in the country, are too negligent generally in establishing and sustaining Sunday Schools. We say to our churches, and especially to their pastors, that we fear they are behind other denominations, and remiss in duty, in the interest felt and manifested by them on this great subject. "Do you ever visit your Sunday School," said a brother not long since to one of the ablest and most valuable Baptist ministers in our State. "No," said that man of God, "I never do, but I live in the Sabbath School on the Sabbath when not in my pulpit." That Sunday School is in consequence the most flourishing one probably in the State that is under Baptist direction and control. Let a like spirit animate all our ministers, and its contagiousness to their respective congregations will create an influence that would be magical in arousing our brethren to increased interest and energy

in this great work. Wherever there is regular Baptist preaching there let a Baptist Sabbath School be in regular operation, and let our brothers and sisters unite their efforts and hearts with the pastor in a spirit of patience, perseverance and prayer in behalf of this much neglected institution in our church. Let this be done, and let the work be a labor of love, and the reports in reference to Sabbath Schools, which will hereafter come up from our churches to our Association, will make glad the heart of the christian, and prove a most powerful auxiliary of good to the Baptist cause.

S. S. SATCHWELL, *Chairman.*

[F.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee of Finance submit the following report, viz:

Wilmington Association Fund, $6; Foreign Missions, 62.53; Mt. Holly A. F., 3; Moore's Creek A. F., 5; Bethlehem A. F., 2; Lebanon A. F., 3; Will's Chapel A. F., 3; Riley's Creek A. F., 3; Shiloh A. F., 2.35; Bethel A. F., 2; Lisbon A. F., 2.75; Mt. Gillead A. F., 2; New Hope A. F., 3 1-2; Boykin's Chapel A. F., 3; White Oak A. F., 3; Pleasant Union A. F., 1.70; Salem A. F., 2; Brown's A. F., 3 1-2; Beulah A. F., 3; Piney Grove A. F., 4 1-2; Rowan A. F., 2 1-2; Clinton A. F., 3; French's Creek A. F., 1; Thunder Swamp A. F., 1 1-2; Falling Creek A. F., 2; Bear Marsh A. F., 4; Warsaw A. F., 1 1-2; Johnsons A. F., 3.30; Kenansville A. F., 3; Beaver Dam A. F., 5; Concord A. F., 3; Foreign Missions, 2.40; Berea A. F., 3; Island Creek A. F., 4 1-4; Limestone A. F., 3; Corinth A. F., 1 3-4; Harrett's Chapel A. F., 3; Foreign Missions, 1; Beaufort A. F., 1; Fort Barnwell A. F., 3; Smith's Chapel A. F., 50 cents.

Aggregate amount received $173.53, of this sum $65.93 has been contributed to Foreign Missions, leaving for Association Fund $107.60.

Add 3, the Association Fund from Newbern church, (which did not come to hand until after this report was handed in,) Association Fund with the Newbern contribution added $110.60.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. CARR, *Chairman.*

[G.]

PROTECTION TO BAPTIST CHURCHES FROM IMPOSTORS.

The committee appointed to report on the subject of protection to the Baptist cause from impostors coming as strangers among our people under the name of Baptist ministers professing to be duly delegated, report that in this respect Baptists in North Carolina have oftentimes been most wofully imposed upon in the past. Our brethren are frequently indiscreet in giving encouragement to such men from mistaken views that in so doing they are aiding the cause of Christ. We know that in thus giving aid and comfort to such impostors Baptists are influenced by the highest christian motives; but we call upon the Baptist churches of our Association to exercise more prudence hereafter in this important matter.

It is a high and solemn duty to themselves, to the Baptist cause, and to the good of christianity to countenance no man as a minister, and especially not to allow him to occupy Baptist pulpits, who fails to present the most genuine and undoubted evidence that he has been properly authorized to preach.

Respectfully submitted.

COMMITTEE.

[H.]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee appointed to report on the subject of Ministerial Education submit the following:

The committee are truly gratified to observe the growing interest manifested on this all important subject, and one of the most encouraging things is, that brethren who are not educated are among the most zealous supporters of Ministerial Education. They most sensibly feel the want of it, and are best prepared to appreciate the advantages of it. But after all that has been done, it is manifest that but comparatively few of our brethren are awake to the importance of this subject. It is earnestly and affectionately recommended to our churches to seek

out our young men who feel it to be their duty to preach the gospel, and see to it that they are furnished with the necessary means of securing a liberal education.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. PRITCHARD, *Chairman.*

[I.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that at no former period has our Board of Foreign Missions so much needed the zealous co-operation of the churches as at the present time. The Lord is giving testimony of his favor by prospering the work of our Missionaries in China and Africa, while the demand for an increase of men at the different stations is loud and urgent. If the means were at hand we might economically double our forces in the foreign field; and the question forces itself upon us, whether we ought not at once to place it in the power of the Board to send out a large reinforcement the present year. We, therefore, recommend that the churches greatly increase their contributions to this object while they earnestly pray for the influences of the Divine Spirit to rest upon the labors of our beloved Missionaries. Your committee regard it as worthy of serious inquiry whether the Association may not properly become pledged for the support of a Missionary in heathen lands. The amount necessary for this purpose might, by a little system and effort, be easily secured. It is also suggested that the pastors, on suitable occasions, give our colored members an opportunity of contributing on behalf of the African Mission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. B. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

[J.]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

That the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ should supply an adequate pecuniary support to their respective pastors, we regard as so clearly enjoined in the New Testament, that an argument with christians ought to be useless, and yet we have to deplore the fact that to a very great extent this duty is neglected. We deem it unjust,

ungenerous, unchristian and unwise to receive the pastoral labors of a minister of Christ, and not to provide for the bodily wants of himself and his family. But the pastor and the pastor's wife and children have other and higher wants than those of the body. The mind must be educated, the soul cared for. The minister must have time and means for his own improvement and for the education of his family. Now all these require money, and money from some quarter must come, or these blessings to a great extent must fail to come. If a given pastor is able to live comfortably without compensation, fifty others are not able. If the church is deprived of the services of that one, the members not accustomed to pay will likely refuse to pay another, and thus the church may be long without a shepherd and suffer great loss as the fruit of having once had a preacher without remunerating him. We regard the evil of not supporting our pastors as one wide spread and direful in its results, though we think the evil is lessening generally in the whole Southern country. We would recommend that our pastors lay aside delicacy, and present this subject to their charges in every suitable way, both publicly and from house to house. If this great error and sin of our churches and pastors could be remedied, and our members every where could be brought to a proper appreciation of their responsibility and privileges on this vital matter, we think the cause of Christ would be greatly promoted through our instrumentality. One happy effect we think would be that few of our devoted ministers would be left when worn out to the charities of the world, or need the aid of "Relief Associations." As it is there are some, if not many, whose circumstances call loudly for help, and that at once. As an Association we have no power to aid them. We, however, suggest that as these individual cases of suffering may reasonably be expected to exist for some years to come, it be recommended to the churches to send up annually a contribution to constitute a fund which shall be distributed by the Executive committee among the superannuated ministers of the Association. As this plan, however, must take a year at least to yield any fruit, we further suggest that a private or public subscription be now taken for the special benefit of brother C. C. Gorden whose letter was submitted to your committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. WALTHALL, *Chairman.*

[K.]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The committee on Periodicals beg leave to make the following report:

The present age is one of improvement and progress, and there is scarcely any means by which to act on the masses of our fellow-men more powerful than the press. All denominations of christians, all parties, political or otherwise, avail themselves of the advantages of the press. As Baptists we are so thoroughly convinced of its great powers, that scarcely a State in our Union is without its religious paper. Your committee take great pleasure in recommending to the Baptists of this Association "The Biblical Recorder," edited by our brother, Rev. J. J. James. We believe it to be the duty of every Baptist, not only of this Association, but of the whole State, to patronize the "Recorder," for it is the organ of our denomination in this State, and we know the editor to be a thorough Baptist in sentiment, devoted to our principles because he believes them to be Bible principles. If any of our brethren should wish to take any other Baptist paper, let him do so, but by no means stop the "Recorder." The "Recorder" first, and any you may choose afterwards. Our brother James needs and must have an increased number of subscribers to enable him to make the paper what he wishes it to be, a large sheet, neatly printed, and filled with the glad news of the gospel of Christ. We also recommend our brethren to continue their support to the "Home and Foreign Journal," devoted to our Home and Foreign Missions, and edited by Rev. J. B. Taylor of Richmond, Va.

To those brethren wishing to subscribe for a Baptist Review we recommend "The Southern Baptist Review," published in Nashville, Tenn., and "The Christian Review," published in Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. BIDDLE, *Chairman.*

[L.]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The committee on Domestic Missions ask leave to report, that the object of Domestic Missions is nothing less than the preaching of the gospel to the destitute in our Southern and Southwestern States, and among the Indian tribes. That this is an object of sufficient importance to engage the prayers, the sympathies and the contributions of all our members, does not admit of a doubt. What amount of money has been expended by the Southern Board in support of Domestic Missions during the past year your committee are not prepared to state, but we are in possession of the fact that over 100 Missionaries are now preaching the blessed gospel to the destitute and the Indian tribes of our own country. This fact, beloved brethren, suggests the enquiry: How much has been given by our churches to support these Missionaries? We presume we may say that we have not done our duty. Let us then, while in the enjoyment of our religious privileges, not forget the destitute of other States, and especially the Indian tribes.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. BIDDLE, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest, we, therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER
FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman, pro tem, shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order, may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem, who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

BEAR MARSH, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 5---8, 1858.

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PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, October 5th, 1858.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Wallace, from Hebrews 12: 1—"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

After a recess of half an hour, the Association was called together by the Moderator, who read the 122d Psalm. Sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder E. A. Best.

List of churches called over, and a majority was represented.

Brethren G. R. French and Lewis Highsmith were appointed a committee of Finance.

Brethren H. R. Kornegay and S. S. Satchwell were appointed assistant clerks.

Committee to superintend religious exercises during our session —brethren J. D. Hufham, M. J. Taylor, Benj. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, Joel Loftin and D. Glipon.

Church letters called for and read.

Elder B. F. Marable was appointed to receive the donations for Foreign Missions.

Moved that the letter from Mount Gilead church be laid on the table.

On motion, the letters from Beulah and Beaver Dam churches were laid on the table.

Brethren H. R. Kornegay and S. S. Satchwell were appointed to superintend the election of Moderator. Brethren G. R. French and B. Oliver to superintend the election of Clerk; and brethren W. M. Kennedy and A. B. Alderman to superintend the election of Treasurer. Elder G. W. Wallace, our worthy Moderator, declined being again voted for for Moderator.

The committees to superintend the election of officers reported brother Benj. Oliver elected Moderator, J. G. Dickson re-elected Clerk, and brother D. J. Middleton Treasurer.

Ministering and visiting brethren from sister Associations were invited to seats with us. Elder S. Wait appeared as a visiting minister from Wake Forest, Elder A. B. Alderman as a visiting minister from the Raleigh Association, Elder E. A. Best as a delegate from the Pamlico Association, and Elder E. F. Beachum as a visiting minister from the Sandy Creek Association. All of whom were most cordially received and invited to participate in our deliberations.

Committee on Foreign Missions—brethren J. L. Prichard, S. S. Satchwell and A. B. Alderman.

Committee on Home Missions—brethren B. F. Marable, M. J. Taylor and G. S. Best.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—brethren J. N. Stallings, L. F. Williams and Joel Loftin.

Committee on Periodicals—brethren Hugh McAlpin, J. D. Hufham and L. A. Powell.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder H. McAlpin. Benediction by Elder Wait.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th.

The Moderator sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder J. S. Walthall. The list of delegates was called over. A majority being in attendance, proceeded to business.

Moved that the letter from Washington church be laid on the table.

Moved that brother Wilcox be recognized as a delegate from the Washington church.

Petitionary letters called for. The church at Antioch, Duplin county, and the church at Canaan, Sampson county, petitioned to be admitted as constituent parts of this Association. Both petitions were granted and the right hand of fellowship was extended to their delegates.

The church at Woodenton, Lenoir county, sent in a petitionary letter. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, A letter from the church at Woodenton has been laid before this body, requesting admission as a constituent member; and whereas, there was an irregularity in the constitution of that church, the Presbytery consisting of only one minister instead of the usual number; therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That while we have entire confidence in the motives of the Presbyter and the church, we cannot receive the church as a member of this Association, since it would be a departure from Baptist usage and setting a dangerous precedent.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That a Presbytery be appointed by this Association to visit the church, explain the motives which have actuated us, express to them our kind feelings, and if they think proper, constitute a church after our usages.

On motion, appointed the following Presbytery to visit Woodenton: Elders J. S. Walthall, L. F. Williams, G. W. Wallace, H. R. Kornegay, B. F. Marable, J. D. Hufham and W. M. Kennedy.

On motion, brethren F. B. Millard, J. D. Carroll and John Vann were appointed to nominate an Executive Commitee for the ensuing year.

Committee to name delegates to the Baptist State Convention —brethren G. W. Wallace, M. J. Taylor and Wm. Bennett.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer of the Executive Committee—brethren J. N. Stallings and J. W. Williams.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer of the Association—brethren Joseph Boon and J. W. Taylor.

The following delegates were appointed to sister Associations:

Tar River Association—J. L. Prichard and C. D. Ellis.

Chowan—A. W. Wilcox, J. S. Walthall and S. S. Satchwell.

Raleigh—B. F. Marable, Joel Hines and H. McAlpin.

Cape Fear—H. McAlpin, L. Carroll and L. F. Williams.

Pamlico—A. W. Wilcox, J. S. Walthall and H. R. Kornegay.

The Treasurer's report was handed in, and, on motion, referred to auditing committee.

The Executive Committee submitted their report, which, after a good deal of discussion, was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, a Presbytery was appointed to examine into the qualifications of brother A. W. Wilcox for ordination, and if found worthy, ordain him to the ministry. Presbytery—Elders J. L. Prichard, J. S. Walthall, B. F. Marable and G. W. Wallace.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Elder H. R. Kornegay. Benediction by Elder J. S. Walthall.

THURSDAY, October 7th.

The Moderator read the 84th Psalm—sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder Kennedy.

List of delegates called over, and a majority being present, proceeded to business.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's account reported. (See Appendix B.)

Moved that the former Treasurer pay over to the present Treasurer the balance of funds in his hands.

The committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year reported, brethren Benj. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, D. J. Middleton, Hinton E. Carr, S. S. Satchwell, A. M. Lamb, L. Carroll, M. J. Taylor, J. H. Stephens and Lewis Highsmith.—Concurred in.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

A collection was taken up for Foreign Missions. Amount contributed $44 30.

Took a recess to listen to the charity sermon by Elder B. F. Marable, who preached ably, zealously and faithfully to a large and attentive auditory. Amount contributed $32.

Resumed business.

The committee on Finance reported. (See Appendix D.)

Resolved, That in view of the destitute situation of the widow of Elder C. C. Gordan and her children, that a committee be appointed to divise means for purchasing a house for sister Gordan and her children. Committee—F. B. Millard, L. Highsmith and A. M. Faison.

Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported. (See Appendix E.)

The Union Relief Society submitted their report. Adopted.—(See Appendix F.)

Moved that a committee of six be appointed to solicit yearly or life members to said Society, during our session. Committee—brethren H. R. Kornegay, W. M. Kennedy, M. J. Taylor, J. Boon, Wm. Bennett and Kedar Vann.

The President of the Board of Trustees of Warsaw High School made a report. (See Appendix G.)

On motion, brethren J. N. Stallings, H. E. Carr, and S. S. Satchwell were appointed a committee on Warsaw High School.

Moved that the committee of Finance pay over to the Treasurer the amount of money in their hands. The committee to

audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee reported. (See Appendix H.)

Petitionary letters taken up.

Decided to hold our next session with the church at Beaver Dam, Duplin Co., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1859.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take the note referred to in the Mount Gilead letter, and get the delegates from the two churches together, and if possible settle the difficulty. Committee—brethren L. F. Williams, G. W. Hufham, and L. Highsmith.

Elder J. S. Walthall was appointed to preach the Introductory at our next session, and Elder J. D. Hufham to be his alternate.

Elder J. L. Prichard was appointed to preach the charity sermon, and Elder A. Guy to be his alternate.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wallace. Benediction by Elder Prichard.

FRIDAY, October 8th.

The Moderator read the second chapter of Philippians, and sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder Kennedy. List of delegates called over.

Committee in the case of the widow of Elder C. C. Gordan, reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That a collection be now taken up to meet the present pressing necessities of sister Gordan, and that the amount contributed be handed over to her by Elder G. W. Wallace.

On motion a collection was taken up for sister Guy, widow of Elder Stephen Guy. Elder A. Guy to bear the amount contributed to her.

Committee on Warsaw High School reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix J.)

Resolved, That each church composing this Association, be requested to send at each annual session, funds for Foreign Missions.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Committee on Home Missions reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix L.)

The Presbytery in the case of brother A. W. Wilcox recommend his ordination to-day at 1 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee extend to the church at Washington what pecuniary assistance they, in their wisdom, may think proper.

The committee appointed to settle the difficulty between Mt. Gilead and Concord churches reported. (See Appendix M.)

The following pledges were made for the Itinerancy the following year by the churches: Wilmington, $100; Mt. Holly, $10; Shiloh, $10; Lisbon, $12; Beulah, $50; Piney Grove, $25; Bear Marsh, $30; Warsaw, $6.75; Johnson's, $10; Concord, $10.

Resolved, That the present Trustees of Warsaw High School be continued in office.

Moved that the Clerk have 1200 copies of Minutes printed for distribution, and that he receive the usual fee of $20 for his services.

Moved that the charity sermon at our next session be preached on Wednesday at 11 o'clock, and that the balance of the day be devoted to devotional exercises.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends in this neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality during our session.

The Presbytery now proceeded to ordain brother A. W. Wilcox. Prayer by Elder Wallace. Elder Walthall delivered the charge; Elder Prichard presented the Bible, and Elder Marable extended the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Beaver Dam church, on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1859.

Sang a hymn—"Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

Benediction by Elder Prichard.

BENJAMIN OLIVER, *Moderator.*

JAS. G. DICKSON, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. * Absentees.	Baptized.	Rece'd by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Wilmington,	New Hanover,	J. L. Prichard, C. D. Ellis,* George R. French,	77	14	5	....	9	4	5	240	173	413
Mt. Holly,	New Hanover,	Laban Carroll, T. J. Lea, J. C. Carroll*,	..	6	1	....	..	..	2	81	16	97
Moore's Creek,	New Hanover,	J. F. Croom,* C. P. Moore,* G. W. Walker,	5	..	2	2	..	3	2	108	60	168
Olive Branch,	New Hanover,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Bethlehem,	New Hanover,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Marshall's M. H.,	New Hanover,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Lebanon,	New Hanover,	G. W. Dyes, Owen Fennell, Jr., John W. Taylor,	18	3	3	....	3	2	..	49	61	110
Well's Chapel,	New Hanover.	Lewis Highsmith, J. M. Fennell,* J. T. Newton,*	23	2	4	....	1	1	..	100	60	160
Riley's Creek,	New Hanover,	S. S. Satchwell, Joel Hines, Aaron M. Lamb,	4	3	..	....	2	3	3	61	19	80
Shiloh,	New Hanover,	W. J. Herring, Daniel Bland,* Wm. Aiken,	..	..	1	....	1	8	1	86	20	106
Bethel,	Sampson,	Wm. Fryer,* A. Alderman,* I. J. Newton,*	..	..	..	....	5	4	..	58	24	82
Lisbon,	Sampson,	Amos Herring, G. W. Herring, Sr.,* G. W. Armstrong,	15	1	..	....	3	3	..	69	23	92
Mt. Gilead,	Sampson,	John Vann, L. A. Powell, James Vann,	27	3	..	1	4	2	..	80	25	105
New Hope,	Sampson,	Lewis Carroll, John Frederick, Willis Wilson,*	18	..	1	....	..	2	1	135	34	169
Boykin's Chapel,	Sampson,	Hugh McAlpin, B. Matthews, K. A. Peterson,	35	2	5	....	9	7	1	128	87	215
White Oak,	Sampson,	H. Bennett, K. Crumpler, C. Walker,*	11	1	..	....	1	..	..	....	....	89
Corinth,	Sampson,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Fork M. H.,	Sampson,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	A. Hall,* R. Fisher,* S. Fisher,*	18	1	1	1	1	..	..	75	9	84
Salem,	Sampson,	W. Butler, E. Underwood,* T. M. Howard,*	9	..	..	....	2	1	1	103	15	118
Brown's M. H.	Sampson.	Arthur Brown, John Royal, W. P. Hobbs,*	3	..	..	....	6	2	1	40	52	92
Beulah,	Sampson.	F. B. Millard, L. F. Williams, J. H. Stephens,	63	6	1	....	12	2	2	63	87	150
Piney Grove,	Sampson,	Hinton E. Carr, Kedar Vann, R. R. Bell,	54	..	..	4	3	3	..	126	36	162

STATISTICAL TABLE--CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by L.	Restored.	Rec'd by experience	Dismissed	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Rowan,	Sampson,	F. Kelly, T. O. Kelly,. B. Williamson,*	10	..	..	....	1	..	..	66	26	92
Clinton,	Sampson,	J. M. Mosely,* E. Turner, John W. Brown,	18	7	..	2	1	1	..	38	12	50
Canaan,	Sampson,	Wm. Bennett, R. Bennett, T. Underwood,	4	2	..	1	..	1	..	21	4	25
Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	S. Andrews,* J. M. Newton,* D. M. Sikes,*	..	..	..	....	2	..	..	18	7	25
French's Creek,	Bladen,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	J. Flowers, W. Vernon, D. L. Howell,	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	32	22	54
Falling Creek,	Wayne,	D. D. Carroll,* John Cox, A. Parker,	1	..	..	....	5	1	..	27	9	36
Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	Benj. Oliver, Joel Loftin, J. G. Dickson,	33	1	2	....	13	4	3	133	131	264
Warsaw,	Duplin,	B. F. Marable, J. D. Huf'ham, Alfred Guy,	27	12	..	....	..	..	2	67	7	74
Johnson's M. H.,	Duplin,	W. M. Kennedy, Geo. S. Best, D. J. Woodward,	41	..	..	....	3	5	3	125	159	284
Kenansville,	Duplin,	G. W. Wallace, J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton,	39	7	..	....	3	..	3	58	75	133
Beaver Dam,	Duplin,	G. W. Huf'ham, D. C. Moore,* J. D. Carroll,	9	..	1	....	..	1	..	97	35	132
Concord,	Duplin,	M. J. Taylor, John Wilson, J. Wllis Taylor,	17	1	1	1	..	2	..	62	44	106
Berea,	Duplin,	H. Murray, R. H. Murray,* D. H. Murray,	..	..	..	....	2	2	..	78	42	120
Island Creek,	Duplin,	J. Murray,* T. Kilpatrick, J. Cavenaugh,*	5	2	..	....	1	..	..	93	8	101
Limestone,	Duplin,	J. W. Williams, J. J. Edwards,* R. Sanderlin,*	1	..	..	....	1	2	..	88	43	131
Corinth,	Duplin,	J. Boon, D. S. Register,* W. B. Wells,*	5	..	..	....	1	..	1	45	11	56
Smith's Chapel,	Duplin,	Geo. Smith, F. Grady,* F. Smith,*	..	..	..	....	2	..	1	12	15	27
Antioch,	Duplin,	J. M. Grady, H. R. Kornegay, B. Brock,*	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	13	....	13
Piney Grove,	Jones,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Newbern,	Craven,	J. S. Walthall, Z. Slade,* C. Dudley,*	2	4	1	1	4	1	2	89	5	94
Brice's Creek,	Craven,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Fort Barnwell,	Craven,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Beaufort,	Carteret,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Warren's M. H.	Carteret,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....
Kinston,	Lenoir,	S. E. Loftin,* Leroy Chapel,* Jesse Jackson,*	1	..	..	....	..	1	2	29	14	43
Washington,	Beaufort,	Not represented,	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....

*Absentees.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Union Baptist Association:

The Executive Committee of your body, beg leave to submit the following as their annual report.

Before entering upon a statement of details of their operations, they deem it due to themselves, to the cause they represent, and to the brethren and churches within the bounds of the Union Association, to make a few general remarks in respect to the *objects* for which the Executive Committee was created, and the principles which have governed and controlled them in their whole course of proceeding. This is rendered the more proper, from the fact, that some complaints have been made of the course of the Committee by some whose good opinion we desire to have, while others misapprehend the nature of the duties and aims of these officers of the Association. In the year 1842, the Association passed the following resolutions with the preamble annexed:

"WHEREAS, The former plan of itinerant labor appears not to have accomplished as much good as could have been desired; therefore,

Resolved, That we lay off the bounds of the Association into eight or ten sections, each section to be supplied by a Pastor for the churches in the section, who shall also be engaged to travel as itinerants to preach in every destitute part of such section, and especially to visit every family, to supply them with the Scriptures, tracts, and books.

Resolved, further, That the churches in each section be requested to contribute liberally to the support of their Pastors.

Resolved further, That should such Pastors need more aid than they receive from the churches, that the deficiency be made up out of the Itinerancy, according to the amount of funds in hand, so that each minister may devote the whole of his time to the spiritual interests of his respective section."

These resolutions show the authority under which the Executive Committee have acted: they constitute the platform on which

they have stood, and now stand. It imposes duties, labors and sacrifices, which cannot be easily estimated, or appreciated by those who have not been engaged in the work assigned us, and who have not had the cares and anxieties imposed by a consciousness of our responsibilities.

But many of the brethren do not seem to understand how it is, that a Baptist minister can be a Pastor and Itinerant at the same time, and therefore are not as well satisfied at our regulations in this respect as they would be, were they properly informed on the matter. To explain this thing, and to show that your Committee have at all times kept within the bounds of duty assigned them, we call the attention of the Association, to another resolution passed by the body in the year 1852, as follows:

Resolved, That we approve of the ministers within our bounds, forming a connection with the Executive Committee, whenever the Committee, ministers, and churches, may think our common cause, and the best interests of the churches, will be promoted thereby."

The Committee have also been guided in their operations by this last resolution, and have done the best they could to carry out its designs. We submit to the Association, whether the Executive Committee shall continue on the same course in relation to the Itinerancy, or whether their operations shall be more directed to the most destitute regions within our Associational limits.

The reason why the Committee did not lay off the Associational districts into sections, in accordance with one of the resolutions of our body in 1842, is, that it was found impracticable.

We now come to a statement of what we have done the past year.

We have had in our employment four Itinerants. Brother Guy has been labouring at Warsaw, Hallsville, New Hope, and Lisbon. He reports a cheering state of things in all the churches to which he has been preaching. There have been revivals at Warsaw, New Hope, and Lisbon. He has baptized fifty-five.—Brother Kornegay has been preaching at Smith's Chapel, Antioch, Union Chapel, and a short time at Chinquepin Bridge. He reports some encouragement in his field—12 have been baptized, and one new church has been constituted. Brother Alderman has been laboring at Mount Gilead, Falling Creek, Canaan, Pleasant

Union, and Corinth. He has had many and great difficulties, but has had some encouragement notwithstanding—a church has been constituted, and forty-seven have been baptized in his field. Bro. E. A. Best has labored for us a short time, and though he has not had an opportunity of accomplishing a great deal, yet we have reason to hope that his labours have been blessed—baptized several individuals.

Thus will the Association see what has been done. We have cause to feel thankful to the great Giver of all good, and feel nerved to press onward with unfaltering steps, and hearts of confidence, faith, hope and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN OLIVER, *Chairman.*

B.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Union Baptist Association submits the following report:

DR.

Oct. 3, '57.	To Association Fund,		$110 60
	To Foreign Mission Fund,		65 93
	From last year's account,		5 85
			$182 38

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Oct. 3, '57,	Paid J. G. Dickson, Clerk,	$20 00	
	" by order of the Association to Elder J. B. Taylor, the For. Miss. fund,	65 93	
Jan. 6, '58,	Paid J. J. James & Co. for printing minutes and freight,	76 15	162 08
Balance in hand,			$20 30

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BOYKIN, *Treasurer.*

We find the above acccount all correct.

JOSEPH BOON, *Chairman.*

C.
REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report: We feel persuaded that the spirit of Missions is the same as the spirit of Christ. He that really and truly possesses the spirit of Christ, has also the spirit of a true missionary. We should think it a sufficient cause for suspecting our piety if we felt indifferent to the universal spread of the gospel. How can a soul that has ever felt the evil of sin, and tasted of the sweets of pardon and peace through Jesus Christ, feel indifferent to one soul that is in his sins without a knowledge of the way of escape? If the thought of one soul perishing is too horrible for us to contemplate, O what shall we say when millions are actually in a perishing condition. Is not the command of Christ to His church, "to preach the gospel to every creature?" And can we obey Him in this command until we do all in our power to send the gospel to all nations? Will the Saviour regard any thing as obedience than the very thing which He has commanded? And do we not practically disobey Him when we only try to do a part of that which He has commanded us? Are not our efforts and our contributions too partial and disproportionate? Never were christians more earnestly appealed to than now, to do all in their power to give the gospel to the millions who have never heard of it. All Africa is opened to missionary efforts, the whole of China containing 415,000,000 of souls is now opened to the efforts of christians to send them the gospel. Shall we not bear our part in this great and glorious work?

Your committee would affectionately urge upon every pastor and every member of our churches to consider seriously whether he is discharging his duty to the Foreign Mission cause. Does not our Association almost ignore the Foreign Mission cause altogether? Is this right? Is it just to the millions who are perishing for lack of the knowledge of the gospel? Your committee feel that this Association could well afford to sustain a missionary in China or Africa. And they can but indulge the fond hope that the day is not far distant when she will do so.

Your committee would affectionately recommend that each pastor preach at least one sermon during the year on this subject, and that the brethren and sisters be requested to make a contribution to the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. PRICHARD, *Chairman.*

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Your committee report the following: Received from the Rowan church, A. F., $2.25; Island Creek $3.25; Warsaw $2.85; Kenansville $5; Bear Marsh $3.70; Johnson's $2.50; Kinston $2.50; Falling Creek $2.70; Bethel $2; Concord $3; Antioch 50 cents; Canaan $2.15; Berea $2; White Oak $3; Thunder Swamp $1.50; New Hope $3.35; Salem $2; Lisbon $3.75; Limestone $4; Shiloh $3.75; Boykin's Chapel $3; Riley's Creek $3 Well's Chapel $3.50; Pleasant Union $1.20; Piney Grove $4.25; Lebanon $2.75; Smith's Chapel 75 cents; Moore's Creek $4; Clinton $3.20; Mt. Holly $3; Wilmington $6; Brown's M. H. $3.75; Newbern $3; Mt. Zion $2; Beulah $3; Beaver Dam $3.50; Mt. Gilead $3; Corinth (Duplin,) $2; Washington $2 —making an aggregate of $112.25. We find we have $3 more than the aggregate amount called for in the letters, making $115.25.

Respectfully submitted.

G. R. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE B. S. CONVENTION.

Your committee to whom was referred the nomination of delegates to the Baptist State Convention report the following, viz:

J. L. Prichard, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, Geo. J. Moore, S. S. Satchwell, F. B. Milliard, Joel Loftin, A. Guy, A. M. Faison, J. N. Stallings, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, H. E. Carr, Amos Royal, Arthur Brown, J. D. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay, H. McAlpin, H. Boykin, John Cox, John Hill, Lewis Highsmith, J. L. Carroll, G. W. Carroll, W. M. Kennedy, L Carroll, O. Alderman, Luke A. Powell, J. S. Walthall, J. R. Ezzell, A. Hall, H. Brinson, A. W. Wilcox, Leroy Chapell, H. Bennett, B. F. Marable.

Resolved, That any other member of the Union Association, present at the Convention, be appointed until the number to which we are entitled be completed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

F.

REPORT OF THE UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

To the Union Baptist Association:

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of your body, your Executive Committee proceeded, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday of November last, to organize at Well's Chapel a "Union Relief Association" for the purpose of making "some more permanent arrangements for the support of our worn-out ministers, whose circumstances may demand assistance, as well as their widows and their children." The following officers were elected for one year:

BENJAMIN OLIVER, *President.*

S. S. SATCHWELL, *Vice President.*

W. M. KENNEDY, *Secretary.*

CHARLES D. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

A Constitution and Bye-Laws were adopted, which are herewith submitted as a part of this, the first report from said Society to the Association. Thirteen life members have been admitted, and eighty-two annual members. From the report of the Treasurer made out to the present time, and herewith submitted to the Association, it will be seen that there has been paid into the Treasury $199.25. This amount has been invested in accordance with a provision of the Constitution. Subscriptions remaining unpaid are about $45. By reference to the Constitution, it will be seen that no moneys can be paid out until the sum of $500 has been paid into the Treasury. Therefore no relief can yet be extended to those whom the Society contemplates assisting.

Since our organization, we have held regular meetings in connection with those of the Executive Committee at the following places, viz: Hallsville, Kenansville and Antioch. Whenever the claims of the Society have been properly presented, we have met with encouragement, and we have cause to press onward in our efforts to strengthen the Society, and to carry out the laudable, humane and christian objects of this most excellent and much needed institution. Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN OLIVER, *President.*

W. M. KENNEDY, *Secretary.*

[It will be seen from the foregoing report that there has been more money reported than the number of life and annual members would seem to justify, which may be accounted for in this way: some persons have made donations to the Society who did not become members.]

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

Believing it to be our duty to make some more permanent arrangements for the support of our worn-out Ministers, whose circumstances may demand assistance, as well as their widows and their children, we do hereby resolve to form a Relief Society, to be known as the "UNION RELIEF SOCIETY OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA," under the following rules and regulations:

1st. This Society shall be called the "UNION RELIEF SOCIETY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES COMPOSING THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2d. The Society shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Society.

3d. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Society, and in his absence the duty shall devolve upon the Vice President.

4th. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all the business transactions of the Society.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all the funds that may be entrusted to his care, and hold the same subject to the order of the Society; to make an annual report of the amount of the funds in his hands, the amount paid out, and to whom paid.

6th. Any person may become a Member of this Society by paying annually, in advance, the sum of $1, or a Life Member by paying in advance the sum of $10.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Society to afford relief to superannuated Ministers, their widows and children, who may in the judgment of the Society be in a situation to require assistance.—Provided, however, such Ministers have been members of, and labored in the bounds of the Union Association for five years, or have been raised up among us.

8th. No money shall be paid out of the Treasury until the amount of $500 shall have been obtained, and not more than one-half of the amount paid in annually, shall be appropriated for relief until the principal in the Treasury shall amount to $5,000.

9th. No money shall be paid out of the Treasury, except by the order of the President.

10th. The Treasurer shall be required to give a sufficient Bond and security for the safe keeping and forthcoming of all moneys

entrusted to his care, and all moneys not otherwise appropriated, shall be kept at interest.

11th. Every minister shall be requested to lay the claims of this Society before their respective congregations at least once a year, receive donations, and pay the same over to the Treasurer.

12th. This Society shall hold its meetings at such times and places and in connection with the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Union Association.

13th. This Society shall be under the immediate supervision and control of the Union Association, and are amenable to that body for all its official acts, and shall be required to make annual report of all its proceedings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting.

G.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High School respectfully submit the following report: At the close of last year, brother S. J. Faison declining to teach longer, the services of brethren B. F. Marable and J. D. Hufham were secured as teachers for the present year, at a salary of $1250. They commenced the labors of the School on the second Monday in January with 30 scholars, which number was increased to 60. This session closed on the second Monday in June with entire satisfaction to the Trustees and patrons. The tuition fees fell short of the stipulated salary by $32.

The next session opened on the second Monday in July with 20 scholars. After teaching two weeks without any increase in the number of the students, it was thought advisable to suspend the operations of the School until the first of the present month, (October,) that they might receive the advice and instruction of the Association with reference to future movements. The present indebtedness of the Trustees for the School amounts to about $1800. This must be met by subscriptions, contributions and donations from the Association, and as the Trustees have no funds in hand, they earnestly solicit the Association to aid them in the matter. Brother A. M. Faison, Treasurer of the Board, has already advanced $640 to relieve the embarrassments of the School. He is now sued for $900, and we expect that judgment will be obtained

against him at October court for this sum with interest and cost. This he must pay from his own purse, unless the amount is made up by the Association or the other members of the Board. Shall he lose this? Shall the Trustees have the burden to bear alone and unaided, while they have been acting as agents in obedience to the oft repeated instructions of the Association?

We recommend that some steps be taken to relieve the worthy Treasurer from this pressing demand, and to pay off all the debts of the School. The time has come for prompt action if we wish to see this Institution, so long a cherished idea of the Association, and commenced under such favorable auspices, longer continued. And surely the Association are not prepared for the humiliating spectacle of seeing so noble an enterprise, and one commenced by themselves, prove a failure. Yet such must be the result unless some prompt action is taken by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. CARR, *President of Board of Trustees.*

H.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNION ASSOCIATION

In account with C. D. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

1857.	DR.	
October 3.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay,	$29 50
Nov'r 25.	By cash paid A. Guy for 2 month's services,	50 00
Nov'r 25.	By cash paid W. M. Kennedy error in last settlement,	2 00
Nov'r 25.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay for 15 1-2 day's services,	15 50
Nov'r 25.	By cash paid A. B. Alderman for 2 month's services,	50 00
'58. Jan. 30.	By cash paid A. Guy for 2 month's services,	60 00
Jan. 30.	By cash paid A. B. Alderman for 2 month's services,	50 00
Jan. 30.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay 12 day's services,	12 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

1858.	Dr.	
By amount brought forward,		$269 00
May 28.	By cash paid A. Guy for 4 month's services,	120 00
May 28.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay for 33 3-4 day's services,	34 75
May 28.	By cash paid A. B. Alderman for 4 month's services,	100 00
Aug. 26.	By cash paid A. Guy for 3 month's services,	75 00
Aug. 26.	By cash paid A. Guy for 3 month's services,	90 00
Aug. 26.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay 28 3-4 day's services,	28 75
Aug. 26.	By cash paid E. A. Best for 14 day's services,	14 00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid A. B. Alderman,	25 00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid H. R. Kornegay for 13 1-4 day's services,	13 25
Oct. 6.	By cash paid A. Guy,	58 00
		$827 75

1857.	Cr.	
Oct. 3.	By amonnt from old account,	$161 87
Nov. 25.	By Sabbath collection at Well's Chapel,	9 15
'58. Jan. 30.	By Sabbath collection at Hallsville,	8 50
May 28.	By Sabbath collection at Kenansville,	17 95
Aug. 26.	By Sabbath collection at Antioch,	7 05
	Collected from the Churches during the year.	
From Wilmington,		100 00
" Mount Holly,		10 00
" Moore's Creek,		10 00
" Well's Chapel,		20 00
" Riley's Creek,		3 75
" Shiloh,		44 75
" Bethel,		10 00
" Mount Gilead,		81 00
" New Hope,		34 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

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Collected from the Churches during the year.

By amount brought forward,	$517 92
From Boykin's Chapel,	25 00
" Pleasant Union,	33 40
" Zeulah,	60 35
" Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	23 05
" Falling Creek,	65 00
" Bear Marsh,	30 00
" Warsaw,	10 75
" Johnson's Meeting House,	10 00
" Kenansville,	23 00
" Beaver Dam,	20 00
" Concord,	10 00
" Island Creek,	4 60
" Smith's Chapel,	27 60
" Newbern,	20 00
" Hallsville,	69 75
" Canaan,	60 00
" White Oak,	4 00
" Corinth,	3 50
" Union Chapel,	9 00
" Lebanon,	15 30
Total receipts,	$1042 32
Expenses,	827 75
Balance on hand,	$214 57
Not charged,	13 43
From P. Hardie through B. Oliver,	5 00
Total now in hands of the Treasurer,	$233 00

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, report that they find all correct as above stated.

J. N. STALLINGS, }
J. W. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*

I.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF SISTER C. C. GORDAN.

The committee to whom was referred the case of sister C. C. Gordan recommend the following, viz: First, that a committee consisting of one from each church be appointed, whose duty it shall be to lay the case before their respective churches, raise such amounts as they can, and report their success to the next Ministers and Deacons' Meeting. Secondly, that a committee of three be appointed to attend the next Ministers and Deacons' Meeting, to receive such amounts as may be there reported, and proceed immediately to purchase a house and settle sister Gordan at the earliest practical moment.

L. HIGHSMITH, *Chairman.*

The same committee reported the following names to compose the committee, viz: J. L. Prichard, L. Carroll, G. W. Walker, J. W. Taylor, L. Highsmith, S. S. Satchwell, W. B. M. Eakin, Wm. Fryer, A. Herring, John Vann, J. R. Ezzell, H. McAlpin, H. Bennett, A. Brown, F. B. Millard, H. E. Carr, Felix Kelly, J. M. Mosely , S. Andres, J. Flowers, Joel Loftin, John Cox, J. B. Southerland, J. D. Carroll, J. W. Taylor, T. Killpatrick, Joseph Boon, Z. Slade, A. W. Wilcox, S. Lewis, T. J. Wombwell, J. N. Stallings, A. W. Carleton, and J. W. Hall. Concurred in.

The following committee was appointed to visit the next Ministers and Deacons' Meeting, to receive the contributions to purchase a home for the widow of Elder C. C. Gordan and her children, viz: Abner M. Faison, G. W. Wallace and M. J. Taylor.

J.

REPORT ON THE WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The committee appointed to report on the Warsaw High School have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report. The plans suggested on yesterday evening are, for legal reasons, totally impracticable. We therefore think the only way to prevent the property from being sold under execution, is to raise the money and extinguish the debt. To effectuate this, we recommend as the most efficient means the employment by the Associ-

ation, of an agent to canvass the entire bounds of the Association, and present the claims and necessities of the School, and solicit subscriptions from the denomination and others friendly to the cause of Education.

Most respectfully submitted.

J. N. STALLINGS, *Chairman.*

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Association obtain as Agent the services of brother G. W. Wallace if they can be obtained, to carry out the purposes of the above report in extinguishing the debt.

Resolved, That pledges be immediately solicited from this Association to raise money to pay the debt. Also that each Trustee and member of the Association be hereby constituted an Agent to do all in his power to raise the amount necessary, and to advance the interests of the School.

Adopted.

K.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools report, that while they are fully conscious of the vast amount of good accomplished through the instrumentality of Sabbath Schools, yet they have to say that Baptists, especially in the country, do not take that interest in them, which their importance demands. No one, we presume, will, for one moment, question the vastness of that importance. It is conceded by all, who have taken upon themselves a profession of Christianity. If then they are so vastly important, why, we ask, do not our brethren every where arouse themselves to action? It is useless for any church, we care not where it is situated, nor what is its means, to say, "we cannot have a Sabbath School."—We tell you, brethren, that every church not only *ought* to have, but they *can* have her Sabbath School. Only have the *will* brethren and then *act.* And let none suppose that they are too holy or too old to attend, but let *every* member of *every* church—both young and old—lay member and minister—whenever they can, attend the Sabbath School, and get every body else to attend who will. Form your Bible classes to instruct and confirm the old, as well as have your classes for the young. Let *all* come up

to the aid of this great and good work. Let no heart be still, no hand idle, but let every brother arouse himself and go to work, and have a Sabbath School in *his* church. We would ask those Baptists, who live in neglect of this great and paramount duty—for it is a duty you owe not only to your own children, but to your country and your God—how can you expect God to bless you? Arouse, brethren, and act upon this great and vital subject. To our ministers we would say, brethren preach to your churches on this subject, instruct them, assist them, form the Schools in your churches, instruct your members in their duty.—You are their guides. Brethren, lead them in this matter also.

Your committee think, that it might give an impetus to this great cause, if those churches, which have these Schools, would make full reports of their numbers, progress, &c, to every Association.

We also recommend that wherever it can be done, Baptist books be used. We are aware that this cannot always be done, but whenever it is possible we think it should. If your doctrines are vital and important; if they are founded upon the Scriptures; if alone; if we are the only true witnesses for the truth, why, we ask, should we not teach those doctrines in our Sabbath Schools? Why should we not with them imbue the tender mind?

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. STALLINGS,
L. F. WILLIAMS,
JOEL LOFTIN,
} *Committee.*

L.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee submit the following: The home field in its proper sense, includes the destitute sections in our Association, and State, and in the Southern States. The first of these fields is under the immediate supervision of the Union Association; the second of the Baptist State Convention; and the third of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Each has a strong claim upon every member of the Union Association. For while it is our imperative duty to supply the destitute pla-

ces within our own bounds, we cannot disregard other sections of our State while they ask for the word of eternal life. And the true christian spirit forcibly reminds us too of the desolate places in the various southern States and western Territories. Have we done all in our power for these interesting fields of christian usefulness? Our church reports answer no. Something has been done for the Associational mission; but much remains yet to be accomp ished. Little has been contributed to the State mission, and less to the Domestic mission.

Brethren, these objects all call loudly on our christian benevolence; and shall we disregard them? Let the love of Christ in future impel us to more diligent and consistent action.

B. F. MARABLE, *Chairman.*

M.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SETTLE THE DIFFICULTY BEWEEN MT. GILEAD AND CONCORD CHURCHES.

The committee appointed to settle the difficulty between Mount Gilead and Concord churches, report that they have failed to settle the matter. We therefore recommend the two churches to call in such counsel as they may think suitable to assist them in its adjustment.

Respectfully submitted.

L. F. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest: we, therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order, may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM
FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open conference

by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall

keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

J. J. Alderman

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAVER DAM, DUPLIN COUNTY, N. C.,

October 4—7, 1859.

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Proceedings.

TUESDAY, October 4, 1859.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Walthall from Phillipians 1 : 27—"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

After a recess of half an hour, the Association was called together by the Moderator with devotional exercises.

Constitution of the Association read; also, Rules of Order and Decorum for the Association.

List of churches read, a majority being represented.

Committee to supply the stage with preaching—brethren A. Guy, J. D. Carroll, G. A. Newell, and M. J. Taylor.

Assistant Clerks—Elders B. F. Marable, and J. D. Hufham.

Committee of Finance—brethren J. L. Stallings, L. Highsmith, H. R. Kornegay.

Committee to receive the funds for Baptist State Convention—brother A. M. Faison.

The church letters read. The letters from Lebanon and Piney Grove, Sampson, were, on motion, laid on the table.

Brethren W. M. Kennedy and Levi Moore were appointed to receive the ballots for Moderator.

Brethren Geo. J. Moore and S. S. Satchwell to receive the ballots for Clerk.

Brethren M. J. Taylor and Isham Royal to receive the ballots for Treasurer.

The committee to superintend the election of officers reported brethren Benj. Oliver as re-elected Moderator, and James G. Dickson re-elected Clerk, and brother D. J. Middleton re-elected Treasurer.

New churches called on to hand in letters.

The church at Woodenton was, on motion, received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

The church at Haw Bluff Chapel was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates.

The church at Union Chapel, Onslow county, was received as a constituent member of this body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates.

On motion the letter from Chinquepin church was laid on the table.

Visiting brethren invited to participate with us. Elder J. F. B. Mays, Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ; Elder G. W. Kesee and brother J. M. Rogers, of the Pamlico Association, presented themselves and were cordially received and welcomed to seats.

Committee on Order of Business—Elders J. S. Walthall, G. W. Hufham, and E. A. Best.

Committee on Education—Elders J. D. Hufham, B. F. Marable, and J. F. B. Mays.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elders B. F. Marable, H. Kornegay, and W. M. Kennedy.

Committee on Obituaries—Elders G. W. Hufham, David Wells, and brother S. S. Satchwell.

Resolved, That Elder Geo. W. Hufham prepare an obituary of our late brother, Elder George Fennell.

Committee on Colportage—Elders J. S. Walthall, G. S. Best, and J. N. Stallings.

Committee on Home Missions—brethren J. L. Prichard, N. Askew, and E. A. Best.

Committee on Periodicals—brethren L. F. Williams, Geo. J. Moore, and J. W. Hall.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—brethren J. P. Faison, Whitfield Grady, and J. M. Wooten.

The committee on Business reported the following :

1. Report of committee on Obituaries.
2. Hear brother Mays, Agent, &c.,
3. Report of committees as prepared to report.
4. Report of committees appointed at last meeting.
5. Appoint delegates to Convention.
9. Corresponding messengers to sister Associations.
7. Miscellaneous business.

J. S. WALTHALL, Chairman.

Resolved, That this Association accept the use of the Methodist church at Magnolia, (so kindly tendered,) and return our Methodist friends our sincere thanks.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Mays. Benediction by Elder N. Askew.

WEDNESDAY, October 5th.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises by Elder McAlpin. List of delegates called over, and proceedings of yesterday read.

Visiting brethren invited. Elder A. Paul Repiton appeared as corresponding messenger from the Cape Fear Association, with Minutes; also, Elder Haynes Lennon and brethren R. M. McRackin, and E. Lennon from the Cape Fear; brother J. K. Purefoy, as a visiting brother from the Raleigh Association, with Minutes; Elder J. J. James, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; all of whom were affectionately invited to seats with us.

A letter was received from the Cedar Creek Association, with Minutes.

The letters from the Piney Grove church, (Jones county,) laid on the table.

A letter was received from the new church at Woodville, (Carteret co.) On motion she was received into our Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates.

The committee on Obituaries reported. (See Appendix A.)

WHEREAS, Church History is a matter of great importance in the estimation of this Association, and has been too much neglected by Baptists generally. To obtain statistical facts in reference to our cause and to rescue and place in enduring form the reputation of deceased Baptists, lay and clerical, who have been most active and useful, should be a cherished object of this body. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a Historical committee, consisting of 9 members, whose duty it shall be to collect all valuable information of this character, in their respective sections, and to take such steps as in their opinion may be necessary to carry out properly the purposes of their appointment, and to report to the Executive Committee from time to time the result of their operations.

The Moderator announced the following as the committee :—

Brethren G. W. Hufham, David Wells, L. F. Williams, J. D. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay, J. N. Stallings, Alfred Guy, S. S. Satchwell, and James G. Dickson.

The Association called off until 1 o'clock to hear the Charity sermon. Elder J. L. Prichard delivered an able and impressive sermon on charity, to a very large and attentive audience. Matt. 6 : 20—"But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steak"—Amount of contributions, $52.26.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

In view of the interesting prospects before us, it is

Resolved, That half an hour be devoted to special prayer for the blessing of God on our efforts, and increased christian benevolence.

The committee on Periodicals to report to-morrow 10 o'clock.

Elder J. F. B. Mays, Agent for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, made an able and earnest appeal in favor of said institution and received the following subscriptions :

G. W. Hufham,	$100	J. P. Faison,	$100
A. M. Faison,	100	J. N. Stallings,	100
J. D. Hufham,	100	Mrs. Ann Graham,	25
David Wells,	25	W. M. Kennedy,	25
J. S. Walthall,	50	Mrs. Sarah Hodges,	50
Joel Hines,	25	E. A. Best,	25
Wm. Jernan,	25	G. A. Newell,	25
D. D. Carroll,	25	I. T. Newton,	25
I. M. Newton,	25	John Flowers,	10
M. Flowers,	20	Thomas Crow,	10
W. W. Fennell,	25	L. Highsmith,	25

A. Alderman, $25.

WHEREAS, We feel the necessity of a more definite arrangement of our benevolent contributions ; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That each church of this Association be requested to make all its contributions to our general objects of benevolence through this Association.

Resolved, 2d. That the Treasurer of this Association be directed to receive all monies contributed to the objects of our Baptist State Convention, and make out a full statement of the same, and pay over to the Treasurer of said Convention.

Committee to recommend brethren for the Executive Committee the ensuing year—brethren D. Wells, B. F. Marable, and O. Alderman.

On motion, the letter from Chinquepin church was taken up ; after a good deal of debate her application was rejected.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hufham. Benediction by Elder Marable.

THURSDAY, October 6th.

The Association met. Elder J. J. James read 93d Psalm and prayed.

List of churches called over.

Proceedings of yesterday read.

A letter from Piney Grove (Jones county,) was, on motion, taken up. Moved, that a Presbytery be sent to Piney Grove church to examine

into the qualifications of brother J. J. Rhodes, and, if found worthy, ordain him to the ministry. Presbytery—Geo. W. Wallace, E. A. Best, N. Askew, and Geo. W. Hufham.

WHEREAS, There are some churches within the bounds of our Association, that use the Union Sunday School books in their Sabbath Schools; and whereas, there is a great loss of valuable Bible truth on our part in the use of these books, as well as a sacrifice of denominational and historical matter belonging to us; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend all the churches within her bounds to give the preference in their Sabbath Schools to *Baptist* Sunday School books.

Committee to audit the Treasurer's account—brethren Isham Royal and O. M. Matthews.

Committee to audit the Treasurer of the Executive Committee's account—brethren J. N. Stallings, and H. McAlpin.

Committee to settle with Treasurer of Warsaw High School—brethren C. D. Ellis, and L. High smith.

On motion, brother S. S. Biddle was recognized as a delegate from Fort Barnwell church.

Resolved, That the list of delegates in our Association be called over that each one may say how much he will pay to liquidate the debt against the Trustees of Warsaw High School.

The following amounts were contributed :—

J. L. Prichard,	$25	Union Chapel,	$37
I. W. Carleton,	25	J. S. Walthall,	25
J. N. Stallings,	25	J. G. Dickson,	25
L. Carroll,	62	O. Alderman,	62
W. S. Pridgeon,	5	A. Due,	5
G. W. Dyes,	10	W. W. Fennell,	16
David Wells,	25	O. M. Matthews,	10
J. J. Vann,	10	H. McAlpin,	10
J. W. Brown,	5	G. W. Marsh,	5
H. G. Barnhill,	1	G. S. Best,	5
J. L. Carleton,	25	J. W. Taylor,	25
J. W. Hall,	25	S. S. Biddle,	20
T. M. Newton,	5	Isham Royal,	5
Mrs. M. J. Hines,	5	I. T. Newton,	4
W. M. Kennedy,	5	D. Bland,	6
G. W. Carroll,	5	J. R. Oliver,	1
J. J. Pridgeon,	1	A. M. Lamb,	10

The following subscriptions are $15 each :—

J. R. Ezzell, J. W. Taylor, G. W. Wallace, W. H. Smith, J. D. Hufham, S. S. Biddle, Mrs. D. A. Moore and Misses Newel, H. S.

Averett, H. G. Barnhill, Wm. Fryer, S. S. Satchwell, G. J. Moore, Joel Hines, Mrs. Charity Moore, John Vann, Anthony Due, Lott Croom, D. C. Moore.

Committee to settle with Treasurer, reported. (See Appendix C.)

Committee to settle with Treasurer of Executive Committee, reported. (See Appendix D.)

The committee to nominate an Executive Committee propose the following names, viz: B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, H. E. Carr, S. S. Satchwell, J. H. Stevens, L. Carroll, D. J. Middleton, M. J. Taylor, L. Highsmith, J. T. Moore, and J. N. Stallings.

DAVID WELLS, Chairman.

The committee on Periodicals reported. (See Appendix E.)

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure from brother J. J. James his willingness either to surrender the *Biblical Recorder* to the Baptist State Convention, or with the co-operation of his brethren to associate with him another Editor, and also to enlarge and otherwise improve the paper.

Resolved, further, That we recommend to our brethren that they do subscribe for the paper, and do all they can to circulate it.

Committee to make a list of delegates to the Baptist State Convention—brethren H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, and A. Brown.

Resolved, That this Association have learned with pleasure that the Trustees of Warsaw High School have engaged our esteemed brother, Elder W. B. Jones, and his wife, to conduct said school; and hereby commend the said school to the patronage of our brethren and the public generally.

The Executive Committee submitted the following report. (See Appendix F.)

Brother James Noe made a donation of $7 to Itinerancy.

On motion, the letters from the Lebanon and Piney Grove (Sampson county,) were taken up.

Decided to hold our next Association with the church at Lebanon, New Hanover county, commencing on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1860.

Elder B. F. Marable to preach the Introductory, and G. S. Best to be his alternate. The alternate to preach the first sermon at the stand, provided the principal preaches the Introductory.

Elder W. B. Jones to preach the Charity sermon, and Elder H. McAlpin to be his alternate.

Moved, that Elder J. S. Walthall preach a sermon on the "distine-

tive features of the denomination," and that J. D. Hufham be his alternate.

Treasurer of Warsaw High School reported. (See Appendix G.)

Committee of Finance reported. (See Appendix H.)

Resolved, That the committee of Finance pay over moneys in their hands to the Treasurer.

Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention, report the following, viz: Elders J. L. Prichard, A. Guy, J. D. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay, H. McAlpin, W. M. Kennedy, B. F. Marable, W. B. Jones, J. S. Walthall, L. F. Williams, G. S. Best, E. A. Best, G. W. Hufham, G. W. Wallace, H. P. Brinson, J. P. Faison, David Wells, N. Askew and W. Vernon, and brethren C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, G. J. Moore, S. S. Satchwell, F. B. Millard, Joel Loftin, A. M. Faison, J. N. Stallings, B. Oliver, D. R. Kornegay, A. Royal, John Cox, John Hill, L. Highsmith, J. D. Carroll, F. J. Faison, Geo. A. Newill, D. J. Middleton, W. H. Herring, J. H. Stevens, O. M. Matthews, N. J. Faison, S. S. Biddle, B. F. Biddle, J. R. Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, and S. J. Faison.

Resolved, That any other members of our Association, present at the Convention, be appointed until the number to which we are entitled be completed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. E. CARR, Chairman.

The committee on Colportage reported. (See Appendix I.)

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. B. Jones.

FRIDAY, Oct. 7th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Elder David Wells sang a hymn and prayed.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association make a financial statement (by letter) to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

WHEREAS, A letter from the church at Chinquepin has been laid before this body, requesting admission as a constituent member; and whereas, there was an irregularity in the constitution of that church, the Presbytery consisting of only one minister, instead of the usual number; therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That while we have entire confidence in the motive of the presbyter, and the church, we cannot receive the church as a member of this Association, since it would be a departure from Baptist usage, and setting a dangerous precedent.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That a Presbytery be appointed by this Association to visit the church, explain the motives which have actuated us, ex-

press to them our kind feelings, and if they think proper, constitute a church after our usage.

Presbytery—Elders B. F. Marable, A. Guy, and W. M. Kennedy.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to see said church members, and inform them of our action.

Committee—J. N. Stallings, and J. W. Hall.

The report on Colportage was, on motion, taken up and discussed; and the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, In view of the great destitution within the bounds of our Association, and in view of the great difficulty of supplying this destitution with our present system, and believing that Colportage is the best system known to us to supply this destitution; therefore,

Resolved, That we do enter heartily into that work, and give it the support of our prayers and contributions.

The committee on Foreign Missions made a report. (See Appendix J.)

Resolved, That the plan suggested in the report on Foreign Missions be referred to the churches for instructions.

The committee on Home Missions reported. (See Appendix K.)

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (See Appendix L.)

Delegates appointed to visit or correspond with sister Associations viz:

To Tar River—L. Carroll, and C. D. Ellis.

To Chowan—W. B. Jones, and S. S. Satchwell.

To Raleigh—B. F. Marable, and H. McAlpin.

To Cape Fear—H. McAlpin, and L. F. Williams.

To Pamlico—H. R. Kornegay, and J. S. Walthall.

To Cedar Creek—W. M. Kennedy, and B. Oliver.

The committee appointed by the last Association to procure a home and support for sister Gorden, beg leave to report. Your committee have secured a house and lot, and succeeded in supplying necessary subsistence for her and children by the assistance of a few good brethren. And we recommend to the Association that a committee be appointed, consisting of three brethren, whose duty it shall be to procure from the different churches such assistance as they, in their judgment, may think proper for the support of sister Gorden and children.

G. W. WALLACE, *Chairman*.

Committee on Charity—brethren J. R. Ezzell, John Carleton, and D. J. Middleton.

Moved that the committee on Charity take care of sister Gorden, and sister Guy.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the pressing wants of sisters Gorden and Guy. Amount contributed, $20 50.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 1,500 copies of Minutes printed, and that he distribute the same to the churches.

Ordered that the Clerk have $20 for his services.

Moved that a committee be appointed to make a list of Trustees for Warsaw High School. Committee—J. N. Stallings, and Isham Royal.

The Association gave place to the Union Relief Society for half an hour.

RESUMED BUSINESS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's account of Union Relief Society be published.

Union Relief Society. In account with
C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer, Dr.

1858. Oct. 13.	Amount brought forward as per account current rendered, October, 1858,	$183 75
	Sundry subscribers at the Association, 1858,	52 00
	Island Creek church,	4 25
	From H. R. Kornegay,	9 00
	I. Royal,	1 00
1859. Jan. 30.	Wilmington church,	8 60
	E. A. Ranney,	1 82
May 23.	Canaan church,	11 50
June 20.	Jennett Collins,	1 00
		$272 92

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1858. Oct. 13.	By amount brought forward, account rendered,	$183 75
	By discount on $4 bill, E. B.,	40
	By notes at interest,	88 77
		$272 92

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Beaver Dam, Oct. 6th, 1859.

EXPLANATION.

B. F. Marable and J. D. Hufham's note, dated August 5th, 1858, for $67 28; interest 14 months up to Oct. 5th, 1859, $4 71. Ellis and Mitchell's note, dated Jan. 31st, 1859, for $194 14; interest 8 months, $7 76 1-2. Note on do., dated 30th May, 1859, for $11 50; interest 4 months, 23 cts.

Marable and Hufham's note,	$67 28
Interest on do.,	4 71
Ellis and Mitchell's notes,	205 64
Interest on do.,	7 99
	$285 62

I have received $19 from several brethren, (not in above account,) which makes the amount $304 62. C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our relations with the African race among us do involve peculiar responsibilities.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of our body to renew their efforts for their conversion and spiritual training.

The committee to name Trustees for Warsaw High School submitted the following, viz: H. E. Carr, G. W. Wallace, D. J. Middleton, A. M. Faison, G. W. Hufham, J. R. Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, L. Carroll, C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, S. J. Faison, N. Frederick, S. L. Gavin, O. M. Matthews, J. H. Stephens, A. Guy, J. D. Carroll, H. Dobson, L. Highsmith, F. J. Faison, H. R. Kornegay, H. McAlpin, B. F. Marable, W. H. Smith, J. W. Hall, J. P. Faison, J. M. Mosely, S. S. Satchwell, and A. W. Carleton.

J. N. STALLINGS, Chairman.

Resolved, That all moneys in the hands of the Treasurer, after paying for printing Minutes, Clerk's fee, &c., be paid over to the Treasurer of the Executive committee.

Resolved, That the Editor of the *Biblical Recorder* be requested to publish the obituary of Elder George Fennell in his paper.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this neighborhood for their hospitality, shown to the delegates composing this body, during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the Rail Road companies for the privilege of gratuitous return tickets to the members of this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Lebanon, in New Hanover county, on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October, 1860.

Prayer by Elder B. F. Marable. Benediction by Elder John L. Prichard.

BENJAMIN OLIVER, Moderator.

JAMES G. DICKSON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. *Absentees.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Wilmington,	New Hanover,	J L Prichard, C D Ellis, A Alderman,	2	3	..	....	2	6	6	235	170	405
Mt. Holly,	New Hanover,	L Croom, L Carroll, J Murray,	37	3	1	....	2	..	..	99	33	132
Moor's Creek,	New Hanover,	O Alderman, D W Mott, John T Moore,	1	..	..	....	12	7	2	93	62	155
Olive Branch,	New Hanover,	Not represented.										
Bethlehem,	New Hanover,	William S Pridgeon, J J Pridgeon, Alonso Pridgeon,	38	..	1	....	9	2	1	....	....	90
Marshall's M. H.,	New Hanover,	Anthony Due, John Collin,* M M Bordeaux,	40	2	..	1	2	..	2	38	39	77
Lebanon,	New Hanover,	George W Dyes, W W Fennell, Owen Fennell,	2	2	..	....	4	..	3	47	57	104
Well's Chapel,	New Hanover,	L Highsmith, I T Newton, David Wells,	16	..	1	....	5	4	1	98	60	158
Riley's Creek,	New Hanover,	George J Moore, Joel Hines, S S Satchwell,	3	7	..	....	2	2	..	64	22	86
Shiloh,	New Hanover,	J T Bland, D P Bland, H S Averett,	4	5	2	....	2	3	3	86	23	109
Bethel,	Sampson,	O M Matthews, William Fryer, A Alderman,	13	3	..	....	3	..	..	64	25	89
Lisbon,	Sampson,	Amos Herring, John Smith, C J Robinson,	1	1	..	....	2	5	..	63	22	85
Mt Gilead,	Sampson,	J Pearson, John Vann, J J Vann,	12	5	1	....	2	2	1	92	24	116
New Hope,	Sampson,	Wm H Smith, Isham Royall, Joshua R Ezzell,	4	3	..	....	5	1	1	136	37	173
Boykin's Chapel,	Sampson,	Hugh McAlpin, B Matthews, J T Boykin,	8	3	2	1	4	3	4	125	79	204
White Oak,	Sampson,	Hardy Bennett, J S Cooper, N Watson,	....	1	..	....	1	1	..	66	20	86
Corinth,	Sampson,	A S C Powell, A McLemore*, J Simmons,	....	2	..	....	3	1	..	....	....	47
Fork M. H.,	Sampson,	Not represented.										
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not represented.										
Salem	Sampson,	Wiley Butler,* R Butler,* T M Howard,*	....	..	..	....	..	3	1	98	11	109
Brown's M. H.	Sampson,	Arthur Brown, W R Royal,* A Royal,*	....	..	..	....	1	..	1	39	51	90
Beulah,	Sampson,	B F Marable, A M Faison, J H Stephens,	5	4	..	....	4	3	..	64	103	167
Piney Grove,	Sampson,	Hinton E Carr, R R Bell, J A Darden,*	16	2	..	1	2	3	2	141	38	179
Rowan,	Sampson,	F Kelly, T O Kelly, H G Williamson,	31	6	3	1	7	2	3	84	33	117
Clinton,	Sampson,	John W Brown, G W Marsh, W H Johnson,	....	1	..	....	5	1	..	33	12	45
Canaan,	Sampson,	Wm Bennett, T Underwood, R Jernegan,	1	1	..	....	1	..	..	21	5	26

STATISTICAL TABLE---CONCLUDED.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. * Absentees.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	I M Newton, S B Andrews, M M Sikes,	1	4	..	....	3	..	..	....	....	20
French's Creek,	Bladen,	Letter, but no delegate,	16	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	39
Haw Bluff Chapel,	Bladen,	H G Barnhill, L Pridgeon,* George Russ,*	9	7	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	16
Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	John Elowers, M Flowers, Thomas Crow,	74	3	..	2	..	..	1	86	44	130
Falling Creek,	Wayne,	D D Carroll, K Cogdell,* G F Parker,	10	..	..	....	..	..	..	31	20	51
Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	Benj Oliver, John R Oliver, Jas G Dickson,	19	4	1	....	..	2	2	148	136	284
Warsaw,	Duplin,	Alfred Guy, H Sikes, J B Southerland,	16	..	..	....	8	2	..	71	4	101
Johnson's M. H.,	Duplin,	George S Best, A W Carleton, J L Carleton,	11	..	..	....	..	3	3	124	163	287
Kenansville,	Duplin,	D J Middleton, J N Stallings, G A Newell,	1	2	..	....	2	..	1	....	....	133
Beaver Dam,	Duplin,	G W Hufham, L G Bass, J D Carroll,	1	3	1	....	2	..	..	97	39	136
Concord,	Duplin,	J W Taylor, A Hall, M J Taylor,	16	2	..	....	1	2	1	68	50	118
Berea,	Duplin,	H Murray, D H Murray, H S Boney,	33	5	3	....	7	1	..	104	55	159
Island Creek,	Duplin,	J D Cavenaugh, J A Boney, T Kilpatrick,	24	6	..	....	5	2	1	113	12	125
Limestone,	Duplin,	John W Hall, J J Edwards, E Southerland,*	101	..	1	....	2	1	2	140	88	228
Corinth,	Duplin,	Wm B Wells, T Wallace, T H Rogers,	10	4	..	....	1	3	..	52	13	65
Smith's Chapel,	Duplin,	George Smith,* F H Smith,* F Grady,*	2	..	..	....	2	4	..	8	19	27
Antioch,	Duplin,	H R Kornegay, J M Grady,* Barnet Brock,	4	..	..	....	1	1	1	12	2	14
Piney Grove,	Jones,	J J Rhodes,* F Merritt,* A Whitty,*	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	42
Newbern,	Craven,	J S Walthall, J C Stevenson,* C Kelly,*	1	1	..	....	6	..	3	....	....	87
Brice's Creek,	Craven,	Not represented,										
Fort Barnwell,	Craven,	S S Biddle,	35	5	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	73
Beaufort,	Carteret,	Wm B Jones,	2	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	24
Smyrna,	Carteret,	W B Jones,	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	35
Woodville,	Carteret,	W B Jones,	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	9
Kinston,	Lenoir,	N Askew, P Hardy,* Jesse Jackson,*	....	1	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	41
Woodenton,	Lenoir,	W Grady, S Waller,* H Waller,*	3	2	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	16
Washington,	Beaufort,	Not represented.										
Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J P Cox, W Jerman, J M Wooten,	19	..	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	26

Appendix.

A.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The committee on Obituaries report, with melancholy feelings, the death, in 1858, of Rev. C. C. Gorden; and, in 1859, of Rev. George Fennell, and Rev. David Rogers—all belonging to this Association. Though brother Rogers' mental affliction, for a long time, disqualified him from being competent to serve our cause; yet, in his rational days, he was a pious, faithful preacher. The committee have to state that one of our number, brother G. W. Hufham, who knew brother Fennell long and intimately, has prepared a sketch of his life and character, which is appended as a part of this report. We trust there are those, who will prepare sketches of brethren Gorden and Rogers also. We have not time to do so; nor are the proper materials in our possession. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Association have heard, with mournful feelings of the death of our esteemed brethren, Elders C. C. Gorden, David Rogers, and George Fennell, who served the cause of Christ faithfully. We feel their loss, though we are assured it has been their gain.

We trust that some competent pen will do full justice to the lives and character of these deceased brethren. Baptist preachers, who in life are so often offended and persecuted for advancing truth and exposing error, are in death too often neglected, by a failure to place a written account of their services and worth in enduring form.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID WELLS, Chairman.

ELDER GEORGE FENNELL.

Elder George Fennell was born in the upper part of New Hanover county, N. C., on the 22nd day of March, 1790, and was the oldest son of Margaret and Nicholas Fennell.

His parents were among the most respectable citizens of the county, and lived to a good old age, enjoying the confidence and esteem of all

who knew them. There were five sons and four daughters of this worthy couple; but they have all gone the way of all the earth except two sons, who still survive to cherish the pleasing recollection that no one of them has left a stain on the family name.

It is reasonable to suppose that the purity of their parental example, and the principles of moral propriety taught them in early youth, had no little influence in developing the spotless character, which has distinguished every member of this family. George, the subject of this notice, grew up a lovely boy, generous, kind, and dutiful. He was very energetic and industrious, occasionally assisting his father in the management of the farm—and gave early indications of that purity of heart, and decision of character, which so abundantly crowned his riper years with success.

Disinterested benevolence, a kind and conciliating disposition, with purity in the purposes of his life, were prominent traits of his character in youth, and these he retained to the day of his death.

He received a good English education, and acquired some knowledge of the Latin language, but relinguished his studies to engage in the affairs of real life, before he had made any great proficiency in this latter department of knowledge.

His manly virtues commended him to the citizens of his native county, as a suitable man to represent them in the State Legislature; and at the age of twenty-two he was brought before them as a candidate for the House of Commons. For four successive years (i. e., from 1812 to 1816,) he was triumphantly elected, and discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

In the year 1815, he was married to Miss Eliza Bryan, a daughter of Major Bryan, of Sampson county. This union proved a long and happy one, and before the worthy pair were called to their reward, they had reared a family of ten children—five sons, and as many daughters.

After his marriage he retired for awhile from public life, preferring the quiet enjoyments of home to the excitement of politics, and wishing to make some permanent and adequate provisions for his family. Twice again did the voice of his fellow citizens call him from his seclusion, and during the years 1819 and 1820, he represented his county in the Senate of North Carolina. He then retired forever from the political arena. He had never felt any special fondness for it; had entered it only in obedience to the call of his county, and now availed himself of the first suitable opportunity to abandon it forever.

About this time a sermon preached at Wells' Chapel by Elder Daniel White, first directed his attention seriously to the subject of religion. He was soon afterwards converted, and on the 2nd Sabbath in January, 1820, he became a member of the church at Wells' Chapel. Soon afterwards he was chosen and ordained a Deacon, and discharged the duties of his office with efficiency until July, 1823. He was then licensed by the church to preach the gospel, and in a short time afterwards was publicly ordained and set apart to that work.

There was nothing of the marvelous connected either with his christian experience, or with his call to the ministry. He seemed to have a very clear and humbling view of his own sinfulness, innate depravity and hopeless condition without Christ, and to realize fully that in Christ there is "plenteous redemption." So gracious was the change wrought in him that he felt a longing desire for others to be partakers with him of the fruits of the Spirit. This led him to talk personally with his friends on the subject of religion, and to urge on them the claims of the gospel. At first he seemed to have no design of going farther than this, but God led him gradually into a wider sphere of usefulness. When his attention was directed to the ministry, he shrunk from entering on the work. An exalted sense of its magnitude, with a painful consciousness of his own insufficiency kept him back for a time. But having prayerfully decided the matter, he at once became an "ambassador for Christ," and having embarked in the gracious cause, he never thought of retiring from it. He loved it, and felt while engaged in it, that he was doing the Master's will.

His first decision made, he never seemed to doubt his call to the ministry, though he sometimes doubted his conversion.

There are some now living, who still remember his first effort to preach. Like the effort of his later years it was characterized by sound reasoning, strong soul-stirring affection, and moved his hearers to tears.

His style was chaste and pure. His manner of preaching presented a rare combination of the "doctrinal," the "argumentative," and the "hortatory," so that he seldom failed to convince the judgment and reach the heart of the crowds that flocked to hear him.

When he commenced preaching, there were few ministers in this part of the State, and much of his time was spent in traveling to preach for churches that had no pastor, and for neighborhoods which were without churches. His domestic affairs could, therefore, receive

but a small share of his attention. But God was pleased to give him many "souls for his hire." Many gracious revivals sprung up, and it has been estimated that fifteen hundred souls were converted under his preaching.

Until the year 1832, the missionary spirit was unknown in the churches in this part of the State. Elder Fennell had always been favorable to the enterprise, but being alone in the field, and fearing the divisions and strife which might grow out of the introduction of this subject before the churches, in such a way as to require their action, he had remained silent. This year (1832) he, with several of his brethren from this portion of the State, attended a meeting at Reve's Chapel in Chatham county, to assist in organizing the Baptist State Convention. There the cause of Missions took such a strong hold on his affections that it shaped the whole of his future life. As he and his company (consisting of brethren Biddle, Graham, Herrington and Hufham) were returning, it was suggested that they form a Missionary Society, so as to combine the strength of the few who were favorable to the work, in an effort to bring all the churches up to it. This being the best plan that could then be adopted, he entered into it with all his heart, and after three years of toil, it was crowned with success. The Association was committed to the work of Missions without the division of a single church. In some of the churches a man who has now sunk too low to deserve even a passing notice here, caused much contention and strife, and the brethren who had initiated the movement, had to travel much, and exercise great prudence in order to reconcile the opposition, encourage the timid, and remove unfounded prejudices. In organizing a system of domestic missionary operations, an expedient was resorted to, which is a little amusing, but is characteristic of the times. Fearing that the term *Missionary* might be objectionable to many brethren, *Itinerant* was substituted. This was satisfactory to all, and the term thus adopted has now become dear to us all, because of the tender associations which cluster around it.

Elder Fennell was an active friend of the Convention, and of our College.

The missionary policy of the Association having been gained, the Baptist State Convention well organized, and the foundations of Wake Forest College laid, he devoted himself to the work of the ministry, with a constancy which never faltered until the weight of declining years and failing health forced him to circumscribe his labors. Even

then he retired from the field with reluctance, and he often shed tears as he reflected on the great want of ministerial labor, and felt his own inability to work longer.

For some time before his death he suffered from a disease of the heart. In March last he had an attack of Pneumonia, from which he partially recovered, but a return of his disease of the heart terminated his life on the 25th day of May, 1859, in the 70th year of his age.—The same Jesus that he had loved so long was with him in this last trying hour, and the grace which had enabled him to toil in the Lord's vineyard for thirty-six years gave him strength to die without a fear or a doubt. When told that his hour was come, he said, "I am ready to die, and I hope that my children and servants will meet me in heaven." Thus his spirit passed away. Thus died one of the best of men. In him was fully exemplified the saying of Dr. Young, "The christian is the highest style of man."

Having too much modesty and humility to sound his own praises none knew him but to love him, nor named him but to praise. As a pastor he was faithful and affectionate, and his churches were never willing to exchange him for another. His desire for the conversion of sinners was constant and intense. He was a close student of the Bible. His knowledge of it was great, and remained undiminished to the last. He was a kind and obliging neighbor, ever ready to assist or relieve the poor; a devoted husband, an affectionate father, and a merciful master. His life was long and laborious, and the mission which he fulfilled an important one. He was a "burning and a shining light" in life, and his end that of the christian. "Sure the last end of the good man is peace."

"Night dews fall not more gently to the ground,
Nor weary worn out winds expire so soft."

B.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Trustees of the Warsaw High Schoool submit the following report:

During the first half of this year, brother B. F. Hester had charge of the school, receiving as his salary the tuition fees of the pupils. We have now secured the services of Elder W. B. Jones and lady for the next year. Both of them are in every way qualified for the situation, and we bespeak for them a liberal support. They have taken a

high rank among the Educators of the State, and they are pre-eminently worthy of the patronage of the Baptists of our Association. Brethren, let us give them a reception worthy of their character.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees July 7th, 1859, it was thought by the Treasurer that the amount of the indebtedness of the school was two thousand dollars. It was agreed by the Trustees then present to distribute this sum equally among the whole Board, each one becoming personally responsible for his proportional part, and thus liquidate the debt. Eighteen have done this, paying $1,168. A small note presented since this arrangement was made leaves the present debt $838 11. If the other Trustees will enter into this arrangement, it will leave $94 11.

We hope that the Association will take some immediate steps to pay the debt, and relieve the school and Trustees. It has been on hand long enough, and we think, brethren, that we have done all you can ask at our hands.

H. E. CARR, President of Board of Trustees.

C.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Union Baptist Association submits the following report:

DR.

Oct. 8, 1858.	To Association fund,		$115 25
	From last year's account,		20 30
			$135 55

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Oct. 8, 1858.	By amt. paid J. G. Dickson, Clerk,	$20 00	
Dec. 22.	" " J. J. James & Co. for printing Minutes, of 1858,	76 00	96 00
Balance on hand,			$39 55

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

We find the above account all correct.

ISHAM ROYAL, Chairman.

Oct. 6th, 1859.

D.

TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Executive Committee of the Union Association

In account with C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

1858.		
October 6.	By cash from old account,	$252 10
	Error in last year's account—A. Guy's account $28, and $6 30 not accounted for,	34 30
Oct'r 30.	Collection at Mount Holly,	6 00
Nov. 18.	" " Fort Barnwell by S. S. Biddle,	25 00
May 27.	" " Canaan,	4 55
July 29.	" " Kinston,	9 00
	" from sundry persons,	12 00
	" at Pleasant Union church,	4 00
	" " Wilmington church,	100 00
	" " Corinth church,	2 00
	" " Smith's Chapel church,	7 00
	Collected by E. A. Best,	3 50
	Bethel church,	39 15
	Marshall's M. H.,	60 00
	French's Creek church,	14 50
	Piney Grove church,	25 00
	Bear Marsh church,	30 00
	Beulah church,	50 00
	Mount Zion church,	40 00
	Lebanon church,	11 25
	Cash from brother Taylor,	4 00
	Mount Holly church,	10 00
	Bethlehem church,	16 50
	Well's Chapel church,	8 00
	Riley's Creek church,	7 50
	Shiloh church,	10 00
	Lisbon church,	12 00
	Mount Gilead church,	25 00
	New Hope church,	18 50
	Boykin's Chapel church,	20 00
	White Oak church,	6 75
		$857 60

	Amount brought forward,	$857 60
	Clinton church,	8 00
	Warsaw church,	6 75
	Johnson's M. H.,	12 30
	Kenansville church,	27 00
	Beaver Dam church,	8 00
	Concord church,	6 00
	Island Creek church,	5 10
	Hallsville church,	13 31
	Antioch church,	3 75
	Beaufort church,	4 00
	Kinston church,	8 00
	Woodenton church,	11 50
	Union Chapel church,	19 25
	Collection at Beaver Dam,	52 26
		$1042 82

1858. Dr.

October 6.	To cash paid A. W. Wilcox for order of the Association,	$50 00
1859.		
January 30.	To cash paid A. B. Alderman 4 months,	120 00
" " "	L. F. Williams 1 month,	20 00
" " "	H. R. Kornegay 17 days,	17 00
" " "	A. W. Wilcox 1 quarter salary,	25 00
" " "	W. B. Jones, "	38 00
May 28. " "	L. F. Williams 4 months,	80 00
" " "	H. R. Kornegay 16 days,	16 00
" " "	E. A. Best 32 days,	32 00
" " "	W. B. Joues 2 months,	25 00
" " "	A. W. Wilcox 4 months,	33 34
July 29. " "	G. W. Wallace expense visiting Smyrna church,	15 75
" cash paid	E. A. Best 15 days,	15 00
" "	H. R. Kornegay 9 days,	9 00
" "	L. F. Williams,	60 00
" "	E. A. Best 32 days,	32 00
		$588 14

Amount brought forward,		$588 14
" "	L. F. Williams 2 1-4 mos. at $30,	67 50
" "	W. B. Jones, bal. to Oct. 1st,	49 50
		$705 14
Balance carried to new account,		337 68
		$1042 82

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Oct. 6th, 1859.

The committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, have examined his account, and find all correct.

J. N. STALLINGS, } Committee.
H. McALPIN, }

E.

PERIODICALS.

The committee on Periodicals roport :

That the press, always powerful for good or evil, continues to be an object of the highest importance to our cause, which we regard as founded on the eternal truths of the Bible. Our denomination never placed a sufficiently high estimate upon the value of Baptist papers and magazines. The means which Pedobaptists are using to institute and sustain their papers, furnishes the Baptist denomination with an example worthy of imitation. The *Biblical Recorder* continues to be the recognized organ of brethren all over the State, and the only State paper we have. We commend it for support, with the additional recommendation, that it be enlarged, and otherwise improved. In making this suggestion for improvement, we feel that we are but expressing the general wishes and wants of the denomination. We further recommend the *Home and Foreign Journal* as a paper of much interest and great importance to the cause of Missions. Through it we constantly hear from our brethren in foreign fields, and know what progress the cause of Missions is making in every place.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. F. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

F.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee submit the following report:

Seldom since our connection with the Itinerant system of this Association, have we surrendered the trust committed to us with more heartfelt satisfaction. Never has the Lord smiled more graciously on our efforts to extend His cause. And we feel that the nature and limits of this report will not permit us to give our estimate of what has been accomplished. We have had five Missionaries in the field. Elder W. B. Jones has been supplying the church in Beaufort, and his reports are very encouraging. He has baptized two; has seen his congregation growing larger, and the prospects of the Baptists becoming brighter every way. In addition to this, he has been laboring among some public churches on the coast, and has done much towards stirring up the brethren, and removing unfounded prejudices against our denomination. His is an important and interesting field, the opposition strong; and we feel that much has been done through the earnest, faithful labors of brother Jones, towards removing obstacles, and prepairing the way for future laborers. We regret that brother Jones cannot remain longer in this region. We have been paying one hundred and fifty dollars of this salary; the Baptist State Convention and the church at Beaufort paying the remainder. Brother A. W. Wilcox has been supplying the church in Washington, and though nothing very interesting has been done, the general indications are cheering. His is quite an interesting field, entirely destitute of Baptist preaching; and we feel that the money paid to brother Wilcox (i. e., twenty-five dollars per quarter) has been well invested. Elder H. R. Kornegay has been laboring under our direction at Antioch and Smith's Chapel in Duplin, and during the earlier part of the year in Onslow. Though there has been nothing especially cheering in his field, he has not been discouraged. Elder E. A. Best has not been laboring in destitute portions of Craven, Lenoir, and Onslow. At Woodenton in Lenoir, and Union Chapel in Onslow, churches have been constituted, and on both these since their organization the Lord has been pleased to pour out His Spirit, and greatly to increase their feeble strength. These churches are in regions almost destitute of evangelical preaching, and full of opposition to our principles. Here are two points gained. Our operations have assumed the aggressive, a thing which we have long and ardently desired; and if we can only

supply these places with regular preaching, we think that we can say, without exaggeration, the prospect is really heart-cheering. These results may seem small to one unacquainted with the field; but to him who knows it, they speak a plain and pleasing language. In Lenoir our cause is weak, and in Onslow we have hitherto had no foothold. These things point to the time when the truth shall be received, and the cause of God shall be flourishing there. Elder L. F. Williams has been laboring at Marshalls and Bethlehem in New Hanover county, and French's Creek and Mount Zion in Bladen county. These are feeble churches, and they have been some time in a languishing condition. Under Elder Williams' ministry, the Lord has greatly blessed them. The churches have been revived, their graces renewed, their zeal increased, and ninety persons have been baptized. Their former condition may be learned from the fact, that none of them have been represented in the Association for several years. This year they are all represented, which you have already learned from their letters which have been read before you. Here, brethren, we think that we can say without exaggeration that a great work has been done. The revival in these churches, in the midst of a destitute region, is peculiarly pleasant.

Such is a summary of what has been done during the year, and we think that it calls for the humble, heart-felt gratitude of every member of this Association.

In conclusion, brethren, we make a few suggestions. We need ministers. The Lord has opened the hearts of our brethren, and we believe that he will do it still more if we can secure the men. From many of our remote and public churches, the cry is, "send us a preacher." Let each member of our Association pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up more laborers. Let each church and pastor seek out and develop their "gifts," and let us all hope that the time will soon come when we shall have ministers enough to supply our field. Again, we hold that our ministers should be courteous and kind towards all who differ from Baptist views; yet an inflexible adherence to these doctrines is the suggestion of prudence, truth, and duty. And in view of the increasing aggression of error upon Baptist principles, we recommend that our ministers devote themselves to a clear understanding of them, and to the proclamation of them through the pulpit and the press.

BENJ. OLIVER, Chairman.

G.
WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Treasurer of Warsaw High School presents the following report:

Received from Oct., 1858, to 1859, the following monies:		
From the Trustees,		$1274 00
Received from C. D. Ellis for Bell,		31 51
		$1305 51
Cr.		
By amount paid A. Boyett for note against Treasurer,	$1000 00	
By amount paid for Ditching,	50 00	
" " " Lightning Rods,	26 00	
" " Wilmington Journal for advertising,	21 50	
By amount paid on a note balance and interest to Wm. Hill,	20 25	1117 75
Balance in my hands,		$187 76
Amount of liabilities,	$1050 81	
Deduct amount in hand,	187 76	
To be provided for,	$863 05	

A. M. FAISON, Treasurer.

October 5, 1859.

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. D. ELLIS, }
L. HIGHSMITH, } Committee.

H.
FINANCE.

The Finance committee make the following report:

That they have received for Associational purposes from the churches, viz:—Wilmington, $6; Mt. Holly, 2; Moore's Creek, 4; Bethlehem, 4 50; Marshal M. H., 2 75; Well's Chapel, 4; Lebanon, 3 70; Shilo, 3 30; Riley's Creek, 3; Lisbon, 2 25; Bethel, 2 85; Mt. Gilead, 3; New Hope, 4; Boykin's Chapel, 3; White Oak, 3; Brown's M. H., 2 25; Salem, 2 50; Piney Grove, (Sampson), 3 50; Clinton,

3; Canaan, 1 75; French's Creek, 1 75; Mt. Zion, 1 50; Thunder Swamp, 3 50; Falling Creek, 2 50; Bear Marsh, 4; Warsaw, 2 65; Johnson's M. H., 3 25; Berea, 2 30; Hallsville, 3; Corinth, (Duplin), 2 50; Smith's Chapel, 50 cents; Antioch, 50 cents; Piney Grove, (Jones), 3; Newbern, 3; Kinston, 2; Island Creek, 1 50; Woodenton, 2; Haw Bluff, 2; Chapel Run, 2 25; Beaufort, 1; Smyrna, 2; Woodville, 1 50; Fort Barnwell, 2 50; Corinth (Sampson,) 1; Kennensville, 4; Beaverdam, 4; Concord, 3 25. Making in all, $133 30.

J. N. STALLINGS, Chairman.

I.

COLPORTAGE.

The committee on Colportage report:

Colportage means selling or distributing books. The Colporter is a book peddler—a distributer of religious books. It is an object worthy of our energy and zeal—our prayers and money. Christians are engaged extensively in this work through this country, and in Europe. Our Convention, at its last session, took steps to bring the Baptists of North Carolina into this good work. Bro. J. S. Purefoy, of Forestville, is the Superintendent, and keeps books to supply Colporters. We recommend that the subject be considered by the Association, with a view to some efficient plan of carrying on the work of Colportage within her bounds. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. WALTHALL, Chairman.

J.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions submit the following:

To insist on the practability of Foreign Missions, would here be out of time and taste. To the objector, we would only say, we hold the living arguments in Burmah, China, and Africa, and answer God's arguments if you can. Your committee deem Foreign Missions one of the important objects of our State Convention, and rejoice that it is our privilage to co-operate with that body in this department of christian labor. We are glad to see from the letters from our churches, an increasing interest in this subject. And still to increase and perpetuate this interest we recommend, 1st, that as soon as practicable we assume the responsibility of supporting at least one missionary; 2nd, that eve-

ry pastor in our bounds be requested to present this subject to his churches and congregations, at least once during our Associational year.

B. F. MARABLE, Chairman.

K.

HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject your committee would submit the following report:

We feel that we are expected to report on Home Missions as it relates to our own Association. Our Association now embraces churches in ten counties. Our present number of churches is fifty-four. Three of these counties are well supplied with churches. And even in these counties we have no doubt there is much destitution, which ought to be speedily supplied. But before the remaining seven counties are as well supplied as these are, it will be necessary to organize at least *one hundred and forty-four churches.* To do this, will require much labor—hard persevering and well directed labor. Much fervent and importunate prayer must be offered to God for his blessing upon these labors. It will be indispensable, also, that the churches, at least two-thirds of them, shall quadruple their contributions. And how easy it would be to do this. And how much happier the churches would be were they to do it. And ought we to be satisfied with any thing short of this? Sampson, Duplin, and New Hanover, are well cultivated fields—even as fields which the Lord hath blessed. Shall we rest satisfied until the other seven counties are as thickly dotted with churches as those are? We ought to go up and possess the land at once, for we are well able to do it. Numbers xiii, 30.

J. L. PRICHARD, Chairman.

L.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In this age of gospel light, it would seem needless to argue the utility of Sabbath Schools. For in searching the Scriptures, we find no duty more urgently commanded than the right training of youth. Perfection is the prize offered to laudable ambition. Now how shall we attain this unless we communicate the knowledge experience has given us, thereby imparting what is beneficial or baneful, practicable or impracticable. If youth were thoroughly imbued with the doctrines of

Scripture, half the task of the pastor would be performed. Then the conversion of the world would be the main object the preacher would struggle for, and not, as now is often the case, when sinners are converted to God, (for which desirable end he has prayed, toiled and labored,) would he be pained with the sight of seeing them go to another communion than that which he believes the Scriptures inculcate. Therefore

Resolved, That we believe no church is doing its whole duty unless it has a Sabbath School organized, and teaching the whole truth that we as a denomination hold.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. P. FAISON,
JAS. M. WOOTEN,
WHITFIELD GRADY. } Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest: we, therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and tesimonty."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a charity sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transaction. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order, may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercise, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses; and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Lebanon, New Hanover Co., N. C.,

October 9---12, 1860.

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Proceedings.

TUESDAY, Oct. 9th, 1860.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. Marable from 1 Tim. 3 : 1—"This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

After a recess of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, brother B. Oliver. Prayer by Elder N. Askew.

The Clerk—Dr. J. G. Dickson—being absent, J. N. Stallings was appointed clerk pro tem.

A list of the churches was called, and a majority found to be represented.

Brethren G. W. Carroll and A. Royal were appointed Assistant Clerks.

Appointed Committee of Finance—brethren G. A. Newell, J. M. Mosely and H. S. Averett.

Letters from the churches called for and read. The church at Wells' Chapel was allowed until to-morrow to present her letter. The letters from Pleasant Union, Salem, Kenansville, and Piney Grove, (Sampson,) were laid on the table.

Appointed Committee on Devotional Exercises—the Pastor and Deacons of the church at Lebanon, and brethren David Wells and A. M. Faison.

Brethren M. J. Taylor and J. M. Wooten were appointed to receive the ballots for Moderator—reported bro. B. Oliver re-elected.

Brethren H. J. Hobbs and R. Herring were appointed to receive the ballots for Clerk—reported J. N. Stallings elected.

Brethren J. S. Devane and J. Royal were appointed to receive the ballots for Treasurer—reported brother A. M. Faison elected.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us—Elders J. J. James, J. S. Walthall and T. E. Skinner presented themselves—Elders James and Walthall, as editors of the *Biblical Recorder*—Elders James and Skinner, as corresponding delegates from the Raleigh Association; also from the Sandy Creek Association, bearing a letter petitioning for a corres-

pondence with them—Elder Skinner as Agent for the Raleigh Female Seminary. Elder B. F. Marable, though a member of this Association, presented himself, in his official capacity, as Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. All were cordially received and welcomed to seats.

Petitionary letters were called for.

The church at Chinquepin, Duplin county, was on motion, received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegate.

The church at Prospect was, on motion, received as a constituent member of this body.

Appointed Committee on Order of Business—J. D. Hufham, J. L. Prichard and C. D. Ellis.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. Wells. Benediction by Elder J. L. Prichard.

WEDNESDAY, October 10th, 1860.

Met according to adjournment, having previously spent sometime in prayer-meeting. Opened with devotional exercises by Elder Walthall. List of members called. Yesterday's proceedings read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted the following:

1. Appointment of Committees.
2. Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer.
3. Committees to nominate Executive Committee and audit Treasurer's account, to report when ready.
4. Union Relief Association.
5. Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School.
6. Hear Elder T. E. Skinner, Agent, &c.
7. Historical Committee report.
8. Hear Elder B. F. Marable on Baptist State Convention.
9. Selection of place of holding our next session.
10. Selection of preachers for our next session.
11. Reports of committees.
12. Denominational Sermon at 1, P. M., to-day.
13. Charity Sermon at 1 to-morrow.
14. Miscellaneous business.

J. D. HUFHAM, Ch'mn.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

Appointed brethren W. M. Kennedy, O. Alderman and A. Brown to nominate Executive Committee.

On motion, the rules of business were suspended, and Elder W. B. Jones offered the following:

WHEREAS, The custom of endeavoring to support or control newspapers by Associational action is productive of more harm than good; is a departure from gospel simplicity, which should characterize this body; and is a fruitful theme of contention amongst brethren without accomplishing the objects aimed at. Therefore,

Resolved, That this body hereby declines to appoint the usual committee on Periodicals.

Which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Brethren A. Royal and J. R. Ezzell were appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the rules for the order of business were suspended, and Elder A. J. Emerson offered the following:

Resolved, That this body defer the appointment of the committee on Periodicals until Elder Jones' resolution be called up and acted upon.

Which was carried.

Brethren T. K. Faison, J. M. Wooten and J. T. Moore were appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

Elders Marable, Prichard and Cohen were appointed a committee on the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Obituaries—Elders Cohen, Wells and Faison.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—A. J. Emerson, M. J. Taylor and G. A. Newell.

Executive Committee reported. (See Appendix A.) Report unanimously adopted.

List of churches called and pledges made for the Itineracy. (See statistical table, number 2.)

The following was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Ministers and Pastors of this Association be requested to bring before their churches the objects of the Executive Committee, and urge upon them the importance of more liberal contributions to those objects.

The Association called off until after the Denominational sermon. Elder J. S. Walthall preached a very able sermon on the distinctive features of the Baptist denomination to a large and attentive audience, from Acts 28: 22—"But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

After the sermon, re-assembled.

That part of the Executive Committee's report relating to Colportage was referred to a committee consisting of Elders J. D. Hufham, A. J. Emerson and brother C. D. Ellis.

The following was submitted and adopted:

The committee to nominate an Executive Committee report the following: Benj. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, H. E. Carr, J. H. Stephens, L. Carroll, D. J. Middleton, M. J. Taylor, L. Highsmith, J. T. Moore, Jas. Collins, and G. N. Newell.

Elders G. W. Hufham and L. F. Williams, and brethren W. H. Herring, I. Royall and J. S. Devane were appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the Union Relief Society made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (See Appendix B.) Report adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. set apart to hear Elder Skinner in behalf of the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary.

Elder J. D. Hufham, a member of the Historical Commitmittee handed in and read a report. (See Appendix C.)

A vote of thanks was unanimously returned to Elder Hufham.

The Historical committee appointed at the last session of this body, consisting of brethren G. W. Hufham, David Wells, L. F. Williams, J. D. Hufham, H. R. Kornegay, A. Guy, J. N. Stallings, S. S. Satchwell, and James G. Dickson, was continued for the ensuing year.

The letters from Pleasant Union and Salem churches were called up and letters of dismission granted them to join Cedar Creek Association.

Elder J. S. Walthall was unanimously requested to furnish a copy of his sermon on the distinctive features of the Baptist denomination for publication in the *Biblical Recorder* and in pamphlet form. 600 copies in pamphlet form were ordered, and brethren G. A. Newell, J. P. Faison and G. S. Best appointed to raise funds and superintend the publication.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder McAlpin. Benediction by Elder Marable.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11th, 1860.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises by Elder Skinner. List of delegates called.

Yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Committee on Obituaries reported. (See Appendix D.) Report adopted.

Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee reported. (See Appendix E.)

10 o'clock having arrived, Elder Skinner presented, in an able and interesting address, the great importance of female education and the claims of the project he represented.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following: J. L. Prichard, G. W. Huf ham, A. Guy, G. W. Wallace, H. McAlpin, B. F. Marable, W. B. Jones, A. J. Emerson, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, H. R. Kornegay, E. A. Best, D. Wells, L. F. Williams, A. W. Wilcox, J. N. Stallings, J. D. Huf ham, A. D. Cohen, N. Askew, I. J. Rhodes, J. P. Faison, C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, Laban Carroll, A. M. Lamb, J. T. Moore, O. Alderman, J. W. Taylor, J. M. Fennell, L. Highsmith, H. E. Carr, J. Hines, H. S. Averett, O. W. Mathis, W. Fryar, H. Herring, R. Herring, J. Vann, Jas. Vann, J. R. Ezzell, W. H. Smith, J. L. Boykin, Hardy Bennett, A. Brown, A. Royal, A. M. Faison, F. J. Faison, J. Oates, R. R. Bell, T. K. Faison, T. O. Kelley, L. Johnson, S. Boykin, T. Underwood, B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Newell, J. D. Carroll, M. J. Taylor, J. W. Hall, J. C. Stephenson, S. S. Biddle, A. Lane, Jackson, J. M. Wooten, J. P. Cox, J. W. Pridgen, J. G. Dickson, R. W. Millard, J. M. Mosely and Joel Loftin, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That any other member of our Association, present at the Convention, be appointed a delegate, until the number to which we are entitled be exhausted.

Report and resolution adopted.

Committee to nominate Taustees for Warsaw High School, made the following report:—H. E. Carr, D. J. Middleton, A. M. Faison, G. W. Hufham, J. R. Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, N. Fredrick, J. H. Stephens, J. D. Carroll, L. Highsmith, H. Dobson, F. J. Faison, W. H. Smith, J. W. Hall, J. P. Faison, J. M. Mosely, A. W. Carlton, S. S. Satchwell, G. S. Best, H. Murray, J. N. Stallings, R. Herring, O. M. Matthews, G. A. Newell, J. Vann, O. Fennell, Jr., and A. Brown. Adopted.

The special order for 11 o'clock, the Union Relief Society, was taken up. The constitution was read. The Treasurer, C. D. Ellis, made his report, (see Appendix F,) which was

adopted, and subscriptions to the amount of $55.80 made to its fund.

List of churches called, and the following brethren volunteered to act as agents for the Society for the ensuing year, viz: Wilmington, C. D. Ellis; Bethlehem, J. J. Pridgen; Lebanon, J. W. Taylor; Marshall's M. H., J. Corbett; Mt. Holly, Isaiah Carroll; Moore's Creek, D. W. Mott; Riley's Creek, H. E. Carr; Bethell, W. Fryar; Lisbon, H. Herring; Mt. Gilead, J. Vann; New Hope, J. Royal; Boykin's Chapel, H. J. Hobbs; White Oak, F. S. Bennett; Brown's M. H., A. Brown; Rowan, T. O. Kelley; Beulah, A. M. Faison; Piney Grove, K. Vann and T. K. Faison; Clinton, G. W. Marsh; French's Creek, L. F. Williams; Mt. Zion, J. M. Newton; Bear Marsh, J. R. Oliver; Kenansville, G. A. Newell; Warsaw, H Brown and S. P. Fredrick; Beaverdam, G. W. Carroll; Concord, M. J. Taylor; Johnson's M. H., D. J. Woodward and J. W. Carlton; Limestone, J. J. Edwards; Newbern, Elder A. D. Cohen; Kinston, Jesse Jackson; Washington, Elder A. W. Wilcox; Union Chapel, J. M. Wooten; Well's Chapel, L. Highsmith; Haw Bluff Chapel, G. W. Russ.

Committee to audit Treasurer's account reported. (See Appendix G.)

Committee on the objects of the Baptist State Convention reported. (See Appendix H.) Adopted.

The Finance Committee were ordered to pay over all moneys in their hands to the Treasurer.

The Association called off until after the Charity Sermon, which was preached by Elder W. B. Jones from Luke 16 : 9—"And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." Contributions $30.47.

After the sermon resumed business.

Committee on Associational Colportage reported (see Appendix I). Report adopted, and the list of churches called and contributions and pledges made. (See Statistical Table No. 2.)

The Treasurer was ordered to pay over the funds sent up for Associational Colportage to J. N. Stallings, temporary Treasurer of Colportage.

The letter from Kenansville was called up, and a Presbytery appointed to visit said church and examine J. N. Stal-

lings with reference to his ordination to the Gospel ministry, and ordain him if found qualified. Presbytery—G. W. Hufham, G. W. Wallace, A. Guy, W. M. Kennedy and J. D. Hufham.

Elder B. F. Marable, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, presented its claims in a very able and masterly manner.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Kennedy. Benediction by Elder Cohen.

FRIDAY, October 12th, 1860.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises by Elder Cohen. Yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported the following:

Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee to take the whole subject into consideration, and report at the next meeting of this Association, if practicable, a general plan for the promotion of Sabbath Schools. A. J. EMERSON, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and Elders Emerson, Prichard and Marable appointed that committee.

On motion, a contribution for sister Guy was taken up, amounting to $23.

The Clerk was ordered to obtain the Finance Committee's report and publish it. (See Statistical Table No. 2.)

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolve', That the Clerk of this Association forward to the President of the Baptist State Convension a list of the delegates appointed by this body to represent this Association in the next session of the Convention in the town of Goldsboro'.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, Elder W. B. Jones has made improvements to the amount of $348 60 at the Warsaw High School, and has offered the same as a gift to this Association, therefore,

Resolved, That while we accept the same, we do return him our most sincere thanks.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the propriety of amending the constitution of this Association, and to report to the next session of this body.

Committee—B. F. Marable, J. D. Hufham and W. M. Kennedy.

The letter from Piney Grove (Sampson county) was called up, and the next session of the Association fixed with the church at that place.

The Clerk was ordered to have 2,000 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed, and directed to draw upon the Treasurer for the cost of distribution.

Ordered that the Clerk have $20 dollars for his services.

Appointed Elder J. L. Prichard to peach the Introductory, and Elder H. McAlpin to be his Alternate: The Alternate to preach the 1st sermon at the stand, provided the principal preaches the Introductory.

Elder J. D. Hufham to preach the Denominational Sermon. Elder A. D. Cohen to be his Alternate.

On motion, unanimously resolved to amend the 14th article of the Constitution of this Association, by striking out the word "Chrity," and substituting "Missionary."

Elder A. J. Emerson was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon. Elder G. S. Best his Alternate.

Delegates appointed to visit or correspond with sister Associations, viz: To Sandy Creek, Elders Emerson and McAlpin; to Pamlico, Elders Prichard, Wilcox and J. D. Hufham; to Chowan, Elders Wilcox, Jones and Kennedy; to Tar River, brethren L. Carroll, C. D. Ellis, J. M. Wooten, and Elder Walthall; to Cape Fear, Elders McAlpin and Marable, and brother J. S. Devane; to Raleigh, Elders G. S. Best, J. D. Hufham, Marable and Emerson; to Cedar Creek, Elders Marable, Emerson, McAlpin and Askew, and brethren J. Royal and H. J. Hobbs.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this neighborhood for their hospitality, shown to the delegate composing this body, during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the Railroad Companies for the privilege of gratuitous return tickets to the members of this Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Piney Grove, in Sampson county, on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October, A. D. 1861.

By request of the Moderator, Elder J. L. Prichard made a few very appropriate and deeply affecting remarks, and led in prayer, after which the Association joined in singing,

"Hail sweetest, dearest tie that binds," &c.

Benediction by Elder Askew.

BENJAMIN OLIVER, Mod'r.

J. N. Stallings, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE---NO. 1.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
1	Wilmington,	New Hanover,	J L Prichard, C D Ellis, A Alderman,	4	8			6	2	5	232	179	411
2	Mt. Holly,	" "	L Carroll, I Carroll,	19	3			2	1	1	113	41	154
3	Moore's Creek,	" "	D W Mott, J T Moore, O Alderman,	2	3	1		4	4		93	58	151
4	Olive Branch,	" "	Not represented,										
5	Bethlehem,	" "	S F Wilson, J J Pridgen,	10	5					2	87	12	99
6	Marshall's M. H.,	" "	J R Corbett, J Collins,	12	2					1	41	50	91
7	Lebanon,	" "	N Highsmith, C R Corbett, C P Fennell,	1				3	1	3	49	59	108
8	Well's Chapel,	" "	L Highsmith, J M Fennell, J F Bland,		4			8	6		96	53	149
9	Riley's Creek,	" "	A M Lamb, H E Carr, W H Herring,	23	6				2				110
10	Shiloh,	" "	H D Marshman D P Bland, H S Averett,	3	1			1	2	1	89	26	115
11	Bethel,	Sampson,	W Fryar, A Johnson, I J Newton,					3	5		57	19	76
12	Lisbon,	"	H Herring, R Herring,	1	1			3	7	3	57	19	76
13	Mt. Gilead,	"	L A Powell, J Vann, S Peterson,	14	3			3	1	2	101	24	125
14	New Hope,	"	J R Ezzell, I Royal, S Spearman,	5	1	1		7	2	2	129	40	169
15	Boykin's Chapel,	"	H McAlpin, H J Hobbs, B Matthews,	12	1	3		2	4		136	86	222
16	White Oak,	"	N Watson, F Bennett, A Butler,	1	1			3	5		58	21	79
17	Corinth,	"	A McLemoore,	4									51
18	Fork M. H.,	"	Not represented,										
19	Pleasant Union,	"	No delegate, but letter,	10	1	4		1	1		83	9	92
20	Salem,	"	T M Howard,		3			1		1	106	11	117
21	Brown's M. H.,	"	A Brown, A Royal,							1	38	50	88
22	Beulah,	"	A M Faison, J H Stephens, J M Mosely,	3	2			7	1		59	105	164
23	Piney Grove,	"	A J Emerson, T K Faison, K Vann,	13	1	1	1	5	3	1	148	38	186
24	Rowan,	"	T O Kelley, W M Chestnutt,	6	1	1		7	1	1	78	37	115
25	Clinton,	"	S Boykin, J W Brown, G W Marsh,	2				1		2	30	12	42

26	Canaan,	Sampson,	W Bennett, R Bennett,			1		1		1		20	7	27
27	Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	J Stringfield, S B Anders,											33
28	French's Creek,	"	C B Pridgen,	8	2	1		1	1			44	6	50
29	Haw Bluff Chapel,	"	A M Barnhill, H G Barnhill, G W Russ,		1			2				26		26
30	Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	A Flowers,	6	1			2		4		89	36	125
31	Falling Creek,	"	J Hood,	1				11		1		30	21	51
32	Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B Oliver, J S Devane,	14	3			2	2			150	149	299
33	Warsaw,	"	A Guy, H Brown, S P Fredrick, —	19	3			2	3	1		85	6	91
34	Johnson's M. H.,	"	G S Best, W M Kennedy,	18	1			1		2		130	166	296
35	Kenansville,	"	G A Newell, J N Stallings,	22	5			1	5	3		53	92	145
36	Beaver Dam,	"	G W Huf ham, G W Carroll, J W Swinson,	12	2	2		8	6	3		96	40	136
37	Concord,	"	A Hall, M J Taylor, L R Mathis,		5				1	2		63	48	114
38	Berea,	"	H Murray, W L Boney, H S Boney,	5	6				1			113	58	171
39	Island Creek,	"	J D Cavennaugh,	2	1	1		5	2			109	13	122
40	Limestone,	"	J J Edwards,	10					4	5		146	88	234
41	Corinth,	"	T H Rogers,		2	1		2		2		52	12	64
42	Smith's Chapel,	"	No delegate but letter,	3						1		8	20	28
43	Antioch,	"	J G Bizzell,		1			2				14	2	16
44	Prospect,	"	No delegate but letter,									12		12
45	Chinquepin,	"	James Cavennaugh,	4			1					12		12
46	Piney Grove,	Jones,	Not represented,											
47	Newbern,	Craven,	A D Cohen, D'O Leary,	4	2		2	2		5		87	4	91
48	Brice's Creek,	"	Not represented.											
49	Fort Barnwell,	"	No delegate but letter.											
50	Beaufort,	Carteret,	Not represented.											
51	Smyrna,	"	No delegate but letter,											
52	Woodville,	"	No delegate but letter,											
53	Kinston,	Lenoir,	N Askew,	2	3		2	3	2	1		25	14	89
54	Woodenton,	"	No delegate but letter,		3		3	2						20
55	Washington,	Beaufort,	A W Wilcox,					2		1		29	55	84
56	Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J M Wooten, E Jerman,	7					1	1		33	2	35

STATISTICAL TABLE---NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Associational funds.					Conventional funds.			
				Minutes.	Itineracy.		Colportage.		Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Colportage.	Education.
					Cash.	Pledg's	Cash	Ple's				
1 Wilmington,.....	New Hanover,	Elder J L Prichard,..	Wilmington,.....	$5 00	$100 00	$100 00	22 65	25 00	$143 47			19 54
2 Mt. Holly,.....	" "	" W M Kennedy,	Sill's Creek,.....	3 30	13 50				1 40			
3 Moore's Creek,....	" "	" A P Repiton,...	Moore's Creek,..	4 15				5 00				
4 Bethlehem,.....	" "	" L F Williams,..	Caintuck,.....	2 50	5 00			5 00				
5 Marshall's M. H.,..	" "	" L F Williams,..	Caintuck, ...	2 00								
6 Lebanon,.....	" "	" W M Kennedy,	Harrell's Store,..	3 30	3 33	15 00			12 43	9 08	9 83	7 75
7 Well's Chapel,.....	" "	" W M Kennedy,	Harrell's Store,..	4 00	15 75	20 00		10 00	31 52	13 27	9 52	9 00
8 Riley's Creek,.....	" "	" W B Jones, ...	Lillington,.....	3 00		54 30			7 25	9 25	7 25	7 25
9 Shiloh,.....	" "	" D Wells,.....	Moore's Creek,..	3 00	15 50							
10 Bethel,.....	Sampson,.....	" D Wells,.....	Taylor's Bridge,.	3 00				3 00				
11 Lisbon,.....	"	" A Guy,.....	Herringsville,....	2 45	9 00	9 00						
12 Mt. Gilead,.....	"	" Hugh McAlpin,	Clinton, ...	3 00	10 00				18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00
13 New Hope,.....	"	" A Guy,.....	Six Runs,.....	4 00	14 30				7 75	13 25	7 75	11 85
14 Boykin's Chapel,..	"	" Hugh McAlpin,	Clinton, ...	3 50	19 75				6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25
15 White Oak,.....	"	" G S Best,.....	Clinton, ...	3 00	5 00							
16 Corinth, ...	"	" J B Smith,.....	Not known,.....	1 50								
17 Fork M. H.,.....	"	Not represented,	Dobinsville, ...									
18 Pleasant Union,...	"	" H Howard,.....	Not known,.....	1 00								
19 Salem,.....	"	" A B Alderman,..	Owensville,.....	2 00								
20 Brown's M. H.,....	"	" J P Faison,....	Clinton, ...	3 00								
21 Beulah, ...	"	" A J Emerson,..	Clinton, ...	3 00	40 25	50 00			6 07	6 06	6 06	6 06

22	Piney Grove,	Sampson,	Elder	A J Emerson,	Piney Grove,	3	50	7	10						11	00	1	25	8	00	5	00
23	Rowan,	"	"	G S Best,	Clinton,	2	00															
24	Clinton,	"	"	A J Emerson,	Clinton,	2	75															
25	Canaan,	"	"	A B Alderman,	Not known,	1	50															
26	Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	"	L F Williams,	Gravelly Hill,	1	50					3	00									
27	French's Creek,	"	"	L F Williams,	French's Creek,	1	50			50	00											
28	Haw Bluff Chapel,	"	"	H P Brinson,	Not known,	1	50					5	00									
29	Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	"	G W Wallace,	Mt. Olive,	2	00															
30	Falling Creek,	"	"	G W Wallace,	Falling Creek,	1	75															
31	Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	"	J D Hufham,	Mt Olive,	3	00			41	00	20	00									
32	Warsaw,	"	"	A Guy,	Warsaw,	2	50	3	50	25	00	10	00									
33	Johnson's M. H.,	"	"	G S Best,	Warsaw,	3	00	18	25	25	00											
34	Kenansville,	"	"	J D Hufham,	Kenansville,	2	00	5	00	28	00	8	00	8	00							
35	Beaver Dam,	"	"	A Guy,	Magnolia,	3	00	9	00			5	00									
36	Concord,	"	"	W M Kennedy,	Magnolia,	2	75	14	00	12	00	6	25	12	50	1	00					
37	Berea,	"	"	A Guy,	Teachy's,	3	15			5	00	3	25	7	75							
38	Island Creek,	"	"	H R Kornegay,	Island Creek,	2	60	3	00	10	00										3	25
39	Limestone,	"	"	G S Best,	Hallsville,	4	00	10	30			2	25			8	25	10	75	9	35	7	80
40	Corinth,	"	"	D Wells,	Teachy's,	2	75					4	25			6	50						
41	Smith's Chapel,	"	"	H R Kornegay,	Resaca,		50	1	00												1	00
42	Antioch,	"	"	H R Kornegay,	Outlaw's Bridge,		50	1	00													
43	Prospect,	"		No Pastor,	Albertson's,		50															
44	Chinquepin,	"	"	J D Hufham,	Chinquepin,		75			8	75			5	0							
45	Piney Grove,	Jones,	"	G W Wallace,	Trenton,																	
46	Newbern,	Craven,	"	A D Cohen,	Newbern,	3	00			50	00			10	00							
47	Brice's Creek	"			Swift Creek,																	
48	Fort Barnwell,	"	"	H S Spivey,	Newbern,	2	00															
49	Smyrna,	Carteret,	"	E A Best,	Smyrna,	4	00															
50	Beaufort,	"			Beaufort,																	
51	Woodville,	"	"	E A Best,	Beaufort,	1	00	5	00													
52	Kinston,	"	"	L Thorne,	Kinston,	2	00	10	15													
53	Woodenton	Lenoir,	"	E A Best,	Sandy Foundat'n,	1	00	5	00													
54	Washington,	Beaufort,	"	A W Wilcox,	Washington,	2	00	3	00	10	00											
55	Union Chapel,	Onslow,	"	E A Best,	Catharine Lake,	1	50															
56	Olive Branch,	New Hanover,			Not known,																	

N. B.—$12 were contributed by several brethren for Associational Colportage, not included in the above. Moore's Creek pledged $25 to Home and Foreign Missions. New Hope reported her Conventional funds to the Association, but sent them direct. Newbern sent up funds to the Convention, but did not report to the Association.

Appendix.

A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully submit the following report:

During the year we have had in our employ the following brethren: Elders E. A. Best, A. J. Emerson, G. W. Hufham, J. D. Hufham, W. B. Jones, W. M. Kennedy, H. R. Kornegay, J. N. Stallings, A. W. Wilcox and L. F. Williams.

Elder Kennedy has appropriated to a destitute part of N. Hanover county as much time as he could spare from his pastoral engagements. He reports some success in his field. Four have been baptized, and he thinks that much good has been effected in an indirect way.

Elder Stallings has also been laboring in a field entirely destitute.

With these exceptions, there has been a slight change in the mode of our operations since our last report. Hitherto we have assigned the missionaries their field, and become responsible for their whole salary. This year, we have appropriated to each of several feeble churches, a special sum,—such as we thought their circumstances and necessities required. This seemed to us the wisest and best course. Your missionaries have for several years been laboring mainly in the destitute portions of our Association, and have succeeded in establishing feeble churches and reviving old ones at remote but important points. These churches are utterly unable to sustain a pastor. They have but few members, and those are very poor—unable to contribute much towards any benevolent object. If left to themselves, they must inevitably become extinct in a short time; but with such assistance as we could render, we hoped that they would eventually become self-supporting. In this opinion we are sustained by past experience, as many of the most efficient churches in the Association have once been aided in this way. The number of men at our command was small—not greater than would be

sufficient to supply these feeble churches. Your committee were, therefore, called on to decide whether they would aid them, and eventually render them able to spread the Gospel beyond their own limits, or attempt to penetrate still farther into the destitute field, leaving these feeble churches to perish, and thus losing to your body the time and money and labor already expended on them. Of course we could not hesitate, and we have given assistance in the way which seemed to us the best for them and for the cause in which we are all engaged.

Elder E. A. Best has been pastor of the churches at Woodenton, in Lenoir, and at Chapel Run, in Onslow. For further information concerning the former of these churches, we refer you to our report for last year. Elder B. reports considerable encouragement in this field. The latter of these churches is a very interesting one indeed, and in a destitute section—surrounded from the first by opposition of various kinds. It has been steadily increasing in strength and efficiency since its organization, and has done much to remove the prejudices against our cause which have hitherto prevailed in that region. During the year seven have been added to it by baptism, and we hope that it will soon be self-sustaining, and will not be, as it now is, the only church of our faith and order in that county.

Elder Emerson has been laboring for the church in Clinton, which is in a very feeble state, though located at an important point. He reports greater efficiency in the church, and a hopeful state of things in the congregation.

Elder G. W. Hufham has spent twenty-five days in Onslow and Jones counties, and brings cheering news from the sections which he visited.

Elder J. D. Hufham has been laboring at Chinquepin. This is a small church, consisting of seven members at first. It is in a community that has heretofore never enjoyed regular preaching, and in which there is much opposition to our principles. Elder H. reports much encouragement in this field. He has had good congregations of serious and attentive hearers, and five have been added to the church during the year.

Elder W. B. Jones has preached for the churches at Woodville and Smyrna twenty-one times, and reports four added to those churches.

Elder H. R. Kornegay has been preaching at Smith's Chapel and Antioch churches, a field in which he has been laboring for several years past. Four have been added to these

churches during the year, though Elder K. reports nothing specially cheering.

Elder A. W. Wilcox has been pastor of the church in Washington, and reports a slow but steady increase of interest and brightening of prospects in his field.

Elder L. F. Williams has been serving Mt. Zion and French's Creek, two churches in Bladen, and reports some encouragement in this field. Eighteen have been baptized during the year, and Elder W. thinks that one of these churches will become self-sustaining at no very distant day.

Such is a brief statement of what has been done; but we feel that it does not give any adequate idea of what has really been accomplished. No one can form a proper estimate of it without visiting the field and viewing for himself.

At the last session of your body the followsng preamble and resolution were adopted:

"WHEREAS, In view of the vast destitution within our limits, and the great difficulty of supplying it with our present system, and believing colportage to be the best plan known to us for supplying that destitution; therefore,

Resolved, That we do heartily enter into that work and give it the support of our prayers and contributions."

In view of the facts embodied in that resolution, and of the resolution itself, your committee without any formal instructions entered into the work. At our meeting held with the church at Piney Grove in Sampson county, on the 5th Sabbath in January, an appeal was made to the congregation and a sufficient sum raised to enable us to employ a colporter and start him into the field. This money was raised apart from the Itinerant fund, and for the specific purpose of colportage. In April we secured the services of brother J. J. Edwards, who at once entered upon the work, laboring in the counties of Duplin, N. Hanover, Jones and Onslow. He traveled 174 days, 1619 miles, visited 441 families, prayed or conversed on religion with 217, found 60 families destitute of the Bible, 115 destitute of all other religious books, delivered 19 addresses, established 7 Sunday schools, held 15 prayer meetings, gave away Bibles and Testaments to the amount of $11 86, tracts and religious books to the amount of $10 66, sold 102 Bibles and Testaments for $54 85 cents, 156 religious books and tracts for $85 48 cents. Brother Edwards has been a faithful and efficient laborer, and you will at once perceive from the statements which have been made that the influence of his efforts must be incalculable.

Your committee would earnestly solicit the attention of

your body to this work. There is a vast destitution within our limits, and destitution such as no one but the colporter can meet. There are multitudes of poor and ignorant people who have no church privileges, and who would not improve them if they had. For such persons there is no resource but to visit them at their firesides, and there press upon them the claims of the gospel. Let it be borne in mind that Brother Edwards has visited but a small portion of the Association, and yet he has found 60 families destitute of the Bible, and 115 destitute of all other religious books, and you can form some estimate of the necessity for carrying on the enterprise which has been commenced, and for carrying it on more energetically and extensively than has yet been done. We have the means, the men, and all that are necessary to do this, and we only need to enter on the work and appeal to our brethren for support. Wherever they have been called on, they have responded nobly. We hope that your body will take some immediate and prompt action in regard to the matter.

We regret to see that there appears to be a decline of interest in the Itinerancy on the part of some of the churches.—They have sent up to this session of your body less than usual, and in some instances have failed to redeem the pledges of last year. It is painful to think that this is so, and we hope that this apparent diminution of interest is attributable to inattention. There is a vast destion within our limits. Much has been done, but much more remains to be done. Many feeble churches are crying for aid and many neighborhoods which have no churches are raising the Macedonian cry. In sections where old and bitter prejudices have long prevailed, these are now disappearing. God seems to have prepared the hearts of the people, to have ripened the harvest, and now to point us to it and remind us of our duty. Let us hope that the matter will be considered carefully and prayerfully; that none will be idle or lukewarm at a time like this; that the contributions will henceforth be more liberal; that earnest prayer for more laborers will be offered up, and that we shall be enabled to prosecute the work more vigorously than has hitherto been done. This is an important period in our history, and let us endeavor to be equal to the crisis.

B. OLIVER, Chm'n.

B.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Board of Trustees of the Warsaw High School, respectfully submit the following report:

At the last session of your body, a sufficient amount of money was raised to liquidate the debt of the institution, and Elder W. B. Jones and his lady were secured as teachers. We simply transferred the building and premises to Elder J. with permission to occupy and use them for the purposes for which they were originally designed, free of cost.

Elder J. has handed in his report, which is hereto appended. From it we learn that the institution is in a very flourishing condition. It is a source of sincere pleasure, that we can make this statement concerning the institution for which we have labored so long and so earnestly, and concerning which we have felt so much and so deep anxiety. We would commend it to the attention of the brethren within our limits. Brother Jones and his lady and assistants have proven themselves to be able and faithful educators, and worthy of the public. Now that the institution is free from pecuniary embarrassments, and we have the services of such teachers, let us sustain it by our patronage.

H. E. CARR, Ch'mn.

Baptist Seminary, Warsaw, N. C., Oct. 6, 1860.

To the Moderator and Brethren of the Union Association,

Dear Brethren:—As your teachers in this school, allow us to make the following report:

There have been connected with the institution since we commenced here in January last, one hundred and thirty-three pupils. Of these sixty-four are males and sixty-nine females.

Our patronage has been far beyond our expectation, and we take this occasion for returning our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of the Association for their labors in behalf of the school. May we prove worthy of the charge you have committed to us, and redeem the confidence you have reposed in us.

During the first session we had the following difficulties to contend with:

First.—Unavoidably on our part, one-fifth of the session had passed before we received our regular text-books.

Secondly.—We had expected and made preparation for only about half the number of pupils that came.

Lastly.—One of the principal teachers, from an attack of rheumatism, was unable to attend to her department for nearly a month.

There was also considerable absence among the students, and several came in during the latter part of the session.

So far, this term, we have had a fresh breeze and a smoothe sea. Nothing has troubled us. The health of both students and teachers, as well as the moral deportment of the young gentlemen and the young ladies has been such as, not only to render our out-door associations very agreeble, but the arduous duties of the school-room have been pleasant.

We have placed permanent improvements on the premises to the amount of $348 64, which we hope the Association will receive as a gift.

The present session opened on the 1st of August, and will close on the 21st of December.

The NEXT SESSION will open on the fourth Wednesday (23d day) of January, 1861.

Asking you for your farther labors for the school, and an interest in your prayers, that we, as your teachers, may serve you as faithfully as you deserve, we subscribe ourselves

Your humble servants,

W. B. JONES,
DELIA W. JONES,
MARY J. NEWELL.

C.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Frail and fleeting as the mists of the morning, or as the flower which blooms by the wayside, the present with its duties, its labors and its fierce conflicts, and the future, pregnant with changes and vicissitudes, demand our constant and earnest attention. Yet who has not learned that these cannot fill the mind? Who has not turned from the pressing concerns of the present and the bright or gloomy promises of the future, to wander for a while in the shadowy realms of the past? A desire to know something of those who have preceded us, a veneration and a fondness for hoary antiquity are natural to the human heart, and it is well. Thus we are profited ourselves, and are enabled to do justice to the characters and labors of those who have gone before. The statesman of to-day

gathers lessons of wisdom from the teachings of Hamilton and Jefferson; Charles of Sweden and Bonaparte drank in deep draughts of fiery ambition and of skill in war from the lives of Alexander and Caesar, and those statesmen and warriors themselves stand out in bolder relief; their fame shines with brighter lustre because of this earnestness with which men study their actions and characters.

With views and feelings like these I have essayed to snatch from the dark and silent realms of oblivion the names and labors of our fathers in the ministry; to give a brief sketch of this Association which under different names has existed for nearly a century. But before entering on the immediate object of this paper, it may be well to give a passing notice to the history of the Baptists generally, and to their first introduction into North Carolina.

Many of our opponents are unwilling to concede to us a denominational existence previous to the appearance of the mad men of Munster. We are sneeringly pointed to these misguided and unfortunate men, and are told that beyond them we cannot trace our history for a single day; and it is in many quarters constantly and confidently asserted that Roger Williams is the founder of the Baptist churches in the United States. But the student of ecclesiastical history knows that these assertions spring either from ignorance or from partizan zeal which closes the mind against the truth. Let one authority on this point suffice. Mosheim, with all his prejudices against us, is driven by stubborn facts to testify that "before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay concealed in almost all the countries of Europe many persons who adhered tenaciously to the doctrines of the Anabaptists." True they were not known by the distinctive name of Baptists; yet in faith, in principle and in practice, they were identical with us, and according to the testimony of historians, they have been found in different countries and in every age since the planting of the church by our Saviour and his Apostles. Down-trodden and oppressed, depressed and persecuted, there were "thousands upon thousands in the mountain fastnesses amid the sheltered valleys of the Alps, in the deep forests of Illyricum and the obscure glens of England who were Baptists." The only faithful witnesses for God in times of almost universal corruption, preaching against Antichrist both by their precept and example, their blood had been poured out like water, and they were driven by the sword, the faggot and the stake from the haunts of men, and forced to hide themselves from their

enemies. The Reformation of the sixteenth century, so far from calling them into existence, only emboldened them to come forth from their hiding places.

In Italy, France, Spain, Germany, England and Wales, they had existed under different names, a despised and suffering people, from the days of the Apostles; and now, encouraged by the clarion voice of Luther, they came forth from their concealment, hoping to find in him a friend and a brother, and prepared to suffer loss of all things for Christ. From this time they stand out prominent in the history of the religious world as laborers for God.

They found no friends; but fines, imprisonments and death awaited them in every part of Europe. Weary of their sufferings, and sick at heart, they turned their eyes hopefully to the New World; and, according to Cotten Mather, there were Baptists among the earliest settlers in New England. In 1635, four years before Roger Williams was baptized, Hanserd Knollys, a Baptist preacher of eminence was settled in New Hampshire, and gathered a Baptist congregation. It is a historical fact, that there were Baptist churches in the United States before the short-lived organization of Roger Williams had an existence. "In Massachusetts were Baptist congregations before he was baptized; in Virginia were Baptists ere Rhode Island had its charter." It is clear then that he was in no sense the founder of our denomination in this country.

As early as 1695, there were individual Baptists in North Carolina, but the first church which existed in the State was gathered by Paul Palmer at a place called Perquimans, on the Chowan river, in 1727.

In 1754, Shubael Stearns, a native of Boston, came through Virginia to North Carolina, and settled on Sandy Creek. Here they organized a church which was the parent of many others in the Western and Southern portions of the State, and in South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

In 1742, Elder William Sojourner with many of his brethren from Berkley, Virginia, settled on Kehukee Creek in Halifax county, and organized a church naming it after the creek on which they settled. This is supposed to be the mother of most of the churches in the eastern part of the State. In 1752, ten years after its organization, there were sixteen churches which had sprung up around it.

I have been unable to learn the names of those who first proclaimed Baptist principles in that portion of the State which is now included in the limits of the Union Association,

but it is quite clear that it was done by members of those churches which were built up by the labors of Sojourner and his brethren.

In 1759, a church was organized at Rowan, in Sampson county; in 1763, another at Bear Marsh, in Duplin county; and about the same time there were churches in Bladen, Craven, Cumberland, Lenoir, New Hanover and Onslow.

These churches were all originally descended from the English General Baptists, who had come to N. Carolina via Virginia, and were at first lax in their views of doctrine and discipline. They received unconverted persons into their fellowship, and held to the Arminian system of doctrines. For some time they held an annual meeting, in which most of them were represented by delegates, but in 1765 they were formed into an Association called the Kehukee, from the church with which its first session was held.

Before the establishment of the Association, Messrs. Gano, Vanhorn, Miller and other orthodox preachers from New England and from the Philadelphia Association labored among the churches, and many of them were gradually brought from the Arminian to the Calvinistic system of doctrines and to a greater strictness in discipline. This caused a division in the Association in 1772, the churches in the Southern part withdrawing; and it was not until 1789 that a reunion was effected, the churches in Duplin, Sampson, Wayne and Cumberland being re-admitted by a vote of the Association. From this time they co-operated with perfect harmony until 1793, when by a unanimous vote the body was divided, and the churches south of the Tar river in the counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Franklin, Johnson, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Robeson, Sampson, Wake and Wayne, were dismissed to form the Neuse Association. This body met for the first time at Bear Marsh Meeting House in Duplin county, in October, 1794. Twenty-five churches containing 1663 members were represented.

Prominent among the actors in this Association were names dear to us all. Elder Francis Oliver, who was several times Moderator, Elder William Wells and Elders William and Fleet Cooper. In 1805 the Association contained 32 churches with a membership of 2985, and was again divided, the churches in Bladen, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Robeson and Sampson being dismissed to form the Cape Fear Association.

The first session of this body was held with the church at Bear Marsh in October, 1806. Fourteen churches with a membership of 1563 were represented. The ordained ministers whose names appear in the Minutes were Ezekiel Bryant, Abram Baker, William and Fleet Cooper, Job Goodman, William Hawthorne, Francis Oliver, Isham Pitman, William Thames, Job Thigpen and William Wells—men of limited educational advantages but of fine natural parts, a large share of practical sense, untiring energy, and zeal which nothing could quench.

This seems to have been a year of prosperity to the churches, as all but one reported baptisms, the whole numbering 204. In the Minutes of 1808 there is an obituary notice of Elders Baker and Oliver, who had died during this year, expeessive of the high regard in which these brethren were held.

In 1814, the subject of Foreign Missions is mentioned for the first time. In the Minutes for this year I find the following entries. "A printed letter from the Rev. Luther Rice, a missionary lately from India, was presented by Brother Ranaldson to this Association and received with approbation. Also, some Minutes of the Baptist Convention for Missionary purposes held in the city of Philadelphia, last May, were gratefully received." Again, "Appointed brother Ranaldson to write a letter to send with a copy of these Minutes to the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions." "On Sabbath a collection was made for evangelical Missions to be transmitted to the North Carolina Baptist Association for Foreign Missions." The circular letter for this year is from the pen of Elder Ranaldson on the subject of Foreign Missions, and he urges its claims with peculiar force and eloquence.

Thus boldly did this Association assume its position in regard to the Missionary enterprise when the subject was first presented for consideration, and the Minutes of the succeeding years show the firmness and consistency with which these views were held. From this time to 1825, the churches seemed to be deeply interested in the cause of Foreign Missions, the subject is mentioned in each copy of the Minutes, and at every meeting of the body a public collection was made in behalf of the enterprise. This year (1825) I find the following entry: "Agreed to close our correspondence with the Board of Foreign Missions, and relieve the Secretary from his office, paying him one dollar and fifty cents for expenses sustained by him in his office." I do not know why this resolu-

tion was introduced and adopted, but I suspect it was done to satisfy the minds of brethren who had become disaffected. About this time anti-Missionary agents from other sections of the State and more Northern States began to appear among us, and to draw off the hearts of the brethren from the work of Missions. For a time they paralyzed our efforts and threatened to destroy the harmony which had so long prevailed. This year the question of dividing the Association was submitted to the churches, and in 1826, the churches in Duplin, N. Hanover, Onslow and Sampson were dismissed to form the Goshen Association. This body held its first session with the church at Beulah in Sampson county in October, 1827, and here the history of the Union Association properly commences, as we received but few churches and gained little strength by uniting with the Neuse. There were 16 churches represented with a membership of 568. Among the preachers belonging to the Association at this time, I notice the names of Elder Henry Swinson, whose sad apostacy and melancholy end should be a warning to all those who tamper with intoxicating liquors; Elder Allan Morris, who shortly afterwards removed to the South-West, and who now sleeps quietly under its green turf; Elder Jesse Rogers, and Elder George Fennell who, after thirty years of toil, has now gone to his reward, and the memory of whose virtues lingers yet like soft twilight hues when the sun is set. In the Minutes for 1828 there is an obituary notice of Elder Fleet Cooper, the last representative but one of that heroic band of Baptist pioneers—Elders Baker, Oliver, Wells and others, who had led the host and borne the standard amid the fiercest conflicts; had seen the organization of the first Association, the old Kehukee; had witnessed all the different changes which had occurred, and who now remained the sole connecting link between the present and the past. Honored and loved, they were and well worthy of double honor and affection.

The condition of the Association at this time was peculiarly trying and perilous. Judson and his co-laborers had gone forth to encounter the dangers and trials of Missionary life, had sacrificed all the brilliant prospects and sundered every tie which bound them to their native land to labor for the salvation of heathen idolaters amid the low jungles and fearful malaria, and under the burning sun of Burmah. The astonished world at first ridiculed the men and the effort; then the sublimity of the spectacle, the pure and elevated philanthropy, the noble spirit of self-sacrifice, the

Apostolic devotion manifest to all, elicited one loud, long and universal burst of applause. Men were hurried along as by a mighty magnet, and money poured out freely in response to the appeals which were made. But as the novelty of the enterprise wore off the feelings of many cooled down into indifference, while the covetousness and Antinomianism of others resuming their sway awakened an opposition to the cause of Missions intense in its bitterness. Men traversed the country inveighing against its Missions and denouncing them as the machinery of wicked and designing men for the purpose of accumulating money, and books and newspapers were published and circulated in many parts of the country, with the manifest design of prejudicing the minds of the people against all benevolent effort. These causes had been operating here and as the ministers so few in number and so inadequately supported, could not meet them promptly in all the widely scattered churches, they had sown broadcast the seeds of disaffection and discord. The preachers were, with a few exceptions, missionary in spirit, and so were many laymen; but in almost every church there were some who where indifferent, and others who were intensely hostile. Such was the state of things in the Goshen Association when it was organized and for some time afterwards. It was a slumbering volcano which might at any time belch forth its fiery and devastating flood; a magazine of powder which required but a spark to scatter ruin and death abroad. One rash speech, one imprudent resolution passed by the Association, would have driven off many churches and forever divided the others. So strong was this prejudice, that when the Association first wished to employ two domestic missionaries, it was necessary to call them *Itinerant preachers*, in order to avoid wounding the feelings of many brethren; and on another occasion a set of resolutions strongly endorsing the work of Foreign Missions and urging its claims on the churches was voted down for the same reason. But by the wisest forbearance, uniform kindness and patient, persevering, personal effort, the impending evil was averted, and the Association became a missionary body without the division of a single church. Such a line of conduct was denounced in some quarters, but when we view the results of a different policy in our sister, the Neuse Association, which in a very feeble state soon afterwards united with us, and in some other bodies of a similar character, we have reason to be thankful that our predecessors possessed so much

wisdom, charity and patience and pursued such a conciliatory course.

A detailed account of this struggle and triumph would bring to light as much sagacity, christian forbearance and patience and brotherly love on the part of our fathers, as has ever been displayed in any deliberative body of the kind.

Notwithstanding this difference of opinion in regard to Foreign Missions, there was from the first a deep interest manifested in regard to the spiritual destitution within our Associational limits, and great unanimity prevailed as to the necessity of supplying it. The churches, many of them feeble, were scattered over a large area of country; the ministers were few and inadequately supported; in many neighborhoods there was no preaching at all, in others only occasionally, in others once in three months, and in the most favored places only once a month.

Pastoral effort was unknown, and to accomplish what was done required an amount of labor and self-denial on the part of our fathers in the ministry which is truly astonishing. They were all obliged to become evangelists; and, almost without remuneration, to labor for weeks and months together away from their families, among the distant churches and destitute neighborhoods, preaching often in private houses and in the open air.

I have frequently listened with swelling heart to the recital of the long journeyings and arduous labors of these men, and felt that we now fall far short of their spirit and example. There are those now living and present who remember father Wells going off on horse-back to his distant appointments, and I have been pointed to the spot where, under the shade of a large mulberry tree, Elder Fennell, of precious memory, and Elder G. W. Hufham who was for many years his bosom friend and earnest co-laborer, gathered the germ of what has since become an efficient church. Under circumstances like these, it was natural that the thoughts of all should be tured to some method of more effectually meeting the wants of the churches. As early as 1807, an effort was made by the Cape Fear Association to devise some system of domestic missions, but it proved unsuccessful, and I find no other mention of the subject until 1828, when, by a vote of the Association, it was recommended to the churches to raise and keep on hand adequate funds for the support of traveling preachers, who may labor among them. In the minutes for 1829, I find the following entry: "Took into consideration the subject of Itin-

erant preaching, and being unable to reduce the matter to any thing like a regular system, gave verbal counsel and encouragement, hoping that the brethren in the ministry will go forward and meet a divine reward." In 1836, by a resolution of the Association, Elders McNabb and Stallings were requested to act as domestic missionaries, and in the event of their salaries not being made up by the churches, the Association agreed to pay them. These and various other expedients were resorted to, but it was not until 1843, that the present simple but admirable plan of entrusting the whole matter to a judicious and efficient Executive Committee was adopted. Since that time our efforts to spread the Gospel within our own limits have been conducted systematically, and have been abundantly blessed of God.

During the seventeen years that have elapsed, the number of both churches and communicants has been doubled, and there has been equally as great an improvement in sustaining the ministry and in systematic beneficence.

Since the year 1789, the churches composing this Association have been sound in doctrine and strict in discipline. At first they held to the hyper-Calvinistic view of the atonement, and a church was dealt with for teaching the doctrine of a general atonement; but gradually they all adopted the milder views of Fuller, and they hold them to this day. They have ever sympathized with those who were engaged in benevolent enterprises, and have been warm friends to Wake Forest College. I think that the plan by which that institution was freed from its most pressing dangers and pecuniary embarrassments, originated with a member of this Association. In practice it has never conformed to the views of the old Landmark men. In the minutes for several years, I find that Pedo-baptist ministers were invited to seats in the body and to occupy the stage.

In 1843, sixteen years after the organization of the Goshen Association, the number of the churches had increased from sixteen to twenty-five, and the membership from five hundred and sixty-eight to two thousand one hundred and eighty-six. This year steps were taken to effect a union with the Neuse Association, which for a long period had been steadily declining, and which now had but a bare existence, with but few churches and without life or efficiency. In the succeeding year these measures were consummated, and our present name was adopted.

It would be pleasant to trace the history of the Union As-

sociation, but this forms a separate epoch in our career, and inviting as is the field, I must leave it to another pen or another time. I have already sketched—with what rapidity and imperfection I know full well—two stages in our history: the *forming stage*, extending from the organization of the Kehukee to the formation of the Goshen Association; and the *stage of experiment*, from the organization of the Goshen to the adoption of our present name. The stage of *work* and *triumph* still lies before me inviting me to explore its pleasant fields and enjoy its rich treasures; to trace the progress and perfection of our present plan of missionary operations, the labors and struggles and devotion of our Executive Committee; the origin and history of the Warsaw School, and still later of the Union Relief Association, but I must leave them to some future day.

It would also be pleasant to sketch the lives and characters of many of our predecessors who now sleep in death, but the fruits of whose labors we enjoy; the stern and chivalrous Oliver, who, after a life of toil, preached his own funeral, as he expressed it, then calmly and joyfully laid him down to die, far from the yearning hearts and anxious eyes of his family, far from the scene of his labors and triumphs, his churches, his children and brethren in the Gospel; and who, for long years, has rested sweetly under the green and flowery turf of the sunny South, leaving to us but his name and the memory of his deeds; the sedate and dignified Wells, with his deep-toned piety, large, round-about common sense, and his long life of patient, plodding, untiring industry in the cause of Christ; the jovial, yet earnest Coopers, those pioneers of the cause in Sampson, the first to raise their voices in that county, and among the foremost in battle wherever they went—whose descendents still live to tell the story of their deeds; the erratic, but gifted, eloquent and ardent Ranaldson; Stallings, slow of speech, but sound in doctrine and mighty in the Scriptures—who, in old age, died with the harness on; McNabb, that master of the human heart, pre-eminently gifted, but wild and untamable as the forked lightning or the ocean's storm; Fennell, for so many years the type and embodiment of love; Deacons Graham and John Oliver, warm of heart and wise in counsel. These, and many others, are worthy of a place in our records of the past, but my space forbids.

Spirits of the sainted dead! ye rest from your labors and your works do follow you. What though no proud mausoleum or monument of sculptured marble marks your last resting

place? What though no train of statesmen and orators, or of the young, the proud, and the gay makes annual pilgrimages to the spot where your bodies lie mouldering in the grave? What tho' your names were never known beyond the circle of your churches, and no poet or historian dwells with rapture on the story of your deeds? Yours was a nobler warfare and a more glorious triumph than ever worldly warrior waged or won, and yours shall at last be a higher, sweeter reward. In the great day of accounts, when the laurels are torn from the brow of a Napoleon, a Marlborough, a Cæsar and an Alexander, and they stand forth to the execration of an assembled universe, the creatures of unhallowed ambition, and stained with the blood of slaughtered millions, ye shall appear bringing your sheaves with you, wearing robes which have been washed and made white by the blood of the Lamb, with palms of victory in your hands, with songs of triumph in your mouths, with crowns incorruptible, undefiled and that fade not away, and then ye shall shine forth above the brightness of the stars forever and ever. J. D. HUFHAM.

D.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The committee, appointed to report on deceased ministers, would call the attention of the body to the fact, that there has not come to their knowledge the death of any of the ministerial laborers of this Association, and therefore would suggest that this exhibition of God's goodnes is a cause of devout gratitude.

Yet we are called upon to sympathize with the Newbern church in the loss of a very prominent and useful member and Deacon, James McC. Brinson. We trust that this affliction may be sanctified, and that the church and his family may be comforted in their severe trial.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. COHEN, Chm'n.

E.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Executive Committee of the Union Association
In account with C. D. Ellis, Treasurer.

1859.		Dr.
Oct. 4.	By amount from old account,	$337 68
" 7.	Sale of one barrel of fish from J. Noe, Beaufort,	7 00
1860.		
Jan. 28.	Collected by E. A. Best,	23 00
" "	Collection at Piney Grove (Sampson) church,	10 50
April 27.	Collected by E. A. Best,	16 00
" "	Rec'd of Association fund by order of Asso'n,	73 85
Oct. 9.	Wilmington church,	100 00
" "	Lebanon "	18 33
" "	Boykin's Chapel "	26 75
" "	Kenansville "	34 75
" "	Beulah "	40 25
" "	Bear Marsh, "	50 00
" "	Warsaw "	3 50
" "	Johnson's M. H. "	18 25
" "	Beaverdam "	9 00
" "	Piney Grove " (Sampson,)	15 38
" "	Concord "	14 08
" "	Island Creek "	3 00
" "	Limestone "	10 30
" "	Smith's Chapel "	1 00
" "	Antioch "	1 00
" "	Kinston "	10 15
" "	Washington "	3 00
" "	Mt. Holly "	13 50
" "	Bethlehem "	5 00
" "	Lisbon "	9 00
" "	New Hope "	14 30
" "	White Oak "	5 00
		$873 47

1859.	Per Contra.	
Oct. 6.	To cash paid printer for circulars,	$ 2 50
Nov. 21.	" " " A. W. Wilcox salary 4 mos. due last year,	33 34
		$35 84

				Amount brought forward,		$	35 84
Nov	21.	To cash paid for Exchange on Wilcox's sal'y					25
Jan.	28.	"	"	"	L. F. Williams salary 4 mos.	33	33
"	"	"	"	"	E. A. Best " 30 days,	30	00
"	"	"	"	"	A. W. Wilcox " 4 mos.	33	33
"	"	"	"	"	W. B. Jones " 4 mos.	50	00
Ap'l	27.	"	"	"	E. A. Best " 45 days,	45	00
"	"	"	"	"	L. F. Williams " 3 mos.	25	00
"	"	"	"	"	J. D. Huf ham " 10 days,	10	00
"	"	"	"	"	W. M. Kennedy " 5 days,	5	00
"	"	"	"	"	A. W. Wilcox " 3 mos.	25	00
July	28.	"	"	"	L. F. Williams "	21	00
"	"	"	"	"	J. D. Huf ham " 3 mos.	10	00
"	"	"	"	"	J. N. Stallings " 7 days	7	00
Oct.	9.	"	"	"	J. D. Huf ham " last q'r,	10	00
"	"	"	"	"	A. W. Wilcox " last 2 q'rs,	41	67
"	"	"	"	"	L. F. Williams " last q'r,	20	67
"	"	"	"	"	W. M. Kennedy " 5 days	5	00
"	"	"	"	"	A. J. Emerson " 8 mos.	33	33
"	"	"	"	"	J. N. Stallings " 5 days,	5	00
"	"	"	"	"	G. W. Huf ham " 25 days,	25	00
"	"	"	"	"	J. N. Stallings to be paid to Smith's Chapel and Antioch churches as per agreement,	60	00
						$531	42
				Balance carried to new account,		342	65
						$873	47

The committee appointed to audit the above account report that it is correct.

AMOS ROYAL, }
J. R. EZZELL, } Com.

Bro. Ellis requests me to state that after making up the above he received from Shiloh church, $15 50
From Mt. Gilead " 10 00
" Wells' Chapel " 15 75
" Moore's Creek " 10 00
" Woodenton " 5 00

$56 25

Which will appear in next year's account, giving the churches the proper credit.

CLERK.

F.
UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

Union Relief Society in account with C. D. Ellis,

1859.				Dr.
Oct. 4th.	To	amount brought forward as rendered in 1859,	$272 92	
" " "		Sundry subscriptions at Beaverdam church,	45 00	
" " "		Interest on Marable and Hufham's note for 1859,	4 71	
" " "		Interest on Ellis and Mitchell's note for 1859,	8 00	
" 28. "		Subscription G. W. Wallace,	1 00	
" " "		" Catharine Wright,	1 00	
1860.				
Jan. 28.	To	Sundry subscriptions at Piney Grove church (Sampson),	28 20	
Mar. 5.	"	One life membership J. L. Boykin,	10 00	
Ap'l 28.	"	Sundry subscriptions L. F. Williams,	19 00	
Oct. 1.	"	Interest on Ellis and Mitchell's note to date,	17 80	
" " "		Interest on Marable and Hufham's note to date,	4 03	
			$411 66	

1860.		CONTRA.	
Oct. 10.	By	Marable and Hufham's note,	$ 67 28
" "	"	Ellis and Mitchell's note,	240 35
" "	"	Cash on hand,	4 03
			$411 66

C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

G.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer of Union Baptist Association,

1859.			Dr.
Oct. 4.	To amount received at Association 1859,		$127 30
" "	" balance on hand from 1858,		39 55
" "	" Amounts sent up to the Association 1859 for Convention,		212 46
			$379 31

CONTRA.

1859.	By am't paid for printing Minutes,	$73 00	
	" " Clerk for salary,	20 00	
	" " J. S. Purefoy as per rec't.	212 46	
	" " Treas'r of Exec. Com.	73 85	$379 31

Your committee have stated the Treasurer's account as per vouchers, and find it balanced and all correct.

T. K. FAISON,
J. T. MOORE,
J. M. WOOTEN, } Com.

H.

OBJECTS OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Baptist State Convention invites your co-operation and assistance in the high and holy work of Missions. The State Convention is an annual meeting of Baptists for Missionary purposes. It is designed for this great object—that is, that the Baptist *Churches* of North Carolina may work *together* in spreading the gospel. Each Church is a Missionary body. The true question then is, not whether your Church will do *anything*, but whether you will act alone, or in concert with your Brethren throughout the State. If you desire to join your forces with others, the Convention presents the best organization for this purpose. Its objects are four, viz:

1.—COLPORTAGE.

This is a work for our own homes. It is the Gospel taking possession of the printing press, and bending it to the service of God—compelling the most powerful agency known to man

to become a means of salvation. Every lover of Christ loves Colportage when he comes to know and understand it.

2.—State Missions.

Many parts of our beloved State are neglected by other Missionary bodies, and are appealing to the Convention for help. Here is a great work that the Convention only can perform. It is beyond the reach of Associations and Churches.

3.—Foreign Missions.

Old fields of Foreign labor are ripe to the harvest, and new ones are opening. It is expected that other brethren besides Bro. Yates will leave our good State to labor in foreign lands. Let us be ready to support him, and all others who may go. Let North Carolina send continual greeting to the heathen.

4.—Ministerial Education.

Churches are calling for preachers, Associations are calling, the whole State is crying aloud for men to preach the word. If God has called one to preach, he ought to preach any how; but you know that many are kept back in this age by the want of education. Your own sons and your neighbors' children are in many cases called to preach, and only wait for mental improvement. Send them all to Wake Forest, and do what you can for their support. If they are pious, and licensed by their Churches, the Convention will educate them. We want every young minister in the State to have the advantages of a course of study at our College.

In view of the importance of these objects of the State Convention,

Resolved, That they receive our hearty sympathy and support.

B. F. MARABLE, Ch'mn.

I.
COLPORTAGE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Colportage respectfully submit the following:

The spiritual condition of many parts of our Association is such as to render it our imperative duty to send Colporters into them if we are able to do so. The efforts of your Executive Committee during the past year give us a practical demonstration that we may now enter upon the work with safety. The minds of the brethren are prepared for it, and we have

every facility for securing books with promptness. We therefore recommend to your body the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That we adopt the Colportage system as a part of our regular and permanent missionary work; and that the Executive Committee be instructed to take charge of it and direct it.

Resolved 2. That we now raise money enough to enable the committee to continue their efforts for the present, and that the churches composing this body be requested to send quarterly contributions to the Executive Committee for the purpose of carrying on the work.

J. D. HUFHAM, Ch'mn.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest: we, therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordination of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Missionary sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transaction. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercise, or call upon some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses; and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINEY GROVE, SAMPSON CO., N. C.,

October 8---10, 1861.

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Proceedings.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 1861.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. L. Prichard, from 1 Peter, 4 : 10.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, brother Oliver, who made a few appropriate remarks. Devotional exercises by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

A majority of the churches being represented, brethren S. J. Faison and J. W. Collins were appointed assistant clerks; and brethren A. Royal, J. R. Ezzell and J. M. Wooten a committee of Finance.

Letters from the churches called for and read.

The letters from Bethlehem, New Hope, Mt. Gilead and Piney Grove, Jones county, were laid on the table.

Proceeded to the election of Officers—brethren J. D. Carroll and R. Herring tellers for the election of Moderator; C. Jernigan and I. Royal for the election of Clerk; J. M. Mosely and J. W. Swinson for the election of Treasurer. Result—brother B. Oliver re-elected Moderator; J. N. Stallings re-elected Clerk; and A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

Committee on Devotional exercises—Elders H. McAlpin and L. F. Williams, and brethren J. C. Hines, R. Bell and A. Royal.

Elder A. D. Cohen offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we meet half an hour before the morning exercises for prayer, and that the special objects of our petitions be, that God would go forth with our armies to battle, pour out His Spirit upon our camps, and bring about a speedy and honorable peace.

Committee on Order of Business—bro. C. D. Ellis and Elders J. L. Prichard, W. M. Kennedy and A. D. Cohen.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats. None came forward.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Cohen. Benediction by Elder Prichard.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9th, 1861.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer-meeting exercises conducted by Elders Cohen and Prichard.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Askew. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following report from the committee on order of business was adopted:

1. Appointment of committees.
2. Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer.
3. Executive Committee's Report on Colportage.
4. Union Relief Society.
5. Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School.
6. Report of Historical Committee.
7. Hear Elder Poindexter in behalf of Foreign Missions.
8. Selection of place of holding our next session.
9. Selection of Preachers for our next session.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Denominational sermon at 1 P. M. to-day.
12. Missionary sermon at 1 P. M. to-morrow.
13. Miscellaneous business.

C. D. ELLIS, Chairman.

Rules suspended, and petitionary letters called for. The church at Union, Lenoir county, handed in a letter of dismission from Pamlico Association and petitioned for admission into our Association. The petition is granted and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegate, brother Croom.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Elder A. M. Poindexter, agent for Foreign Missions, came forward and was cordially welcomed.

The letter from Bethlehem church called up, discussed, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That this Association appoint the 1st day of November as a day of fasting and prayer for our Confederacy. 2nd, That we hereby request each church in this Association to hold a weekly prayer-meeting for the same purpose.

Regular order of business resumed and the following committees were appointed:

Elder H. McAlpin and brethren Joel Hines and J. D. Carroll to nominate Executive Committee.

Elders J. L. Prichard and G. S. Best and bro. Jesse Jackson on Biblical Recorder.

Brethren J. W. Collins, C. Jernegan and R. Herring to audit Treasurer's account.

Elder Kennedy and brethren A. M. Faison and S. J. Faison to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School.

Elders Cohen and Jones and bro. L. Carroll on Obituaries.

Brethren I. Royall and J. D. Carroll to audit the account of the Treasurer of Colportage.

Elders J. D. Huf ham, G. W. Wallace and L. F. Williams to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Elder Stallings and brethren G. A. Newell and D. J. Middleton to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

The hour set apart for the Denominational sermon having arrived, Elder J. D. Huf ham, the Principal, and Elder A. D. Cohen, the Alternate, asked the Association to excuse them, which was done, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Elder A. M. Poindexter be requested to preach at the hour appointed for the Denominational sermon, and that the Association now adjourn to hear him.

Elder P. preached a highly interesting and instructive sermon from John 3 : 30.

Re-assembled. Regular order of business suspended, and the place of holding next session fixed upon—Mt. Gilead and New Hope and Piney Grove (Jones county) churches being petitioners for it. Result—Piney Grove.

Regular order of business resumed, when the Executive committee reported. (See Appendix, A.) Report adopted, when Elder A. D. Cohen offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association heartily approve of the action of the Executive Committee in the purchase and distribution of tracts and other religious reading amongst our soldiers, and hereby direct the continued prosecution of the work.

On motion, to-morrow at 11 A. M. was set apart to hear Elder Poindexter in behalf of Foreign Missions.

On motion, adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Wallace. Benediction by Elder Poindexter.

THURSDAY, October 10th, 1861.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer-meeting exercises by Elders Askew and Kennedy. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Poindexter. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected, and approved.

Executive Committee made report on Colportage, which was adopted. (See Appendix, B.)

Union Relief Society held its meeting. The Treasurer, bro. C. D. Ellis, made his report. (See Appendix, C.) Contributions about $20.

Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. (Appendix, D.)

The Historical Committee being unprepared to report, the same committee was continued for the ensuing year.

Selection of preachers for next session. Elder H. McAlpin to preach the Introductory; alternate, Elder B. F. Marable, who is to preach the first sermon at the stand, if the principal preaches the introductory.

Elder J. D. Huf ham to preach the Denominational sermon.

Elder A. D. Cohen, Alternate.

Elder A. J. Emerson to preach the Missionary sermon.

Elder W. M. Kennedy, Alternate.

The following from the committee to nominate an Executive committee was adopted:

The committee recommend the following names, viz: C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, J. H. Stephens, L. Carroll, J. W. Collins, G. A. Newell, M. J. Taylor and B. Matthews.

H. McALPIN, Chm'n.

The following was adopted:

The committee to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School recommend the following persons, viz: H. E. Carr, A. W. Carlton, L. A. Powell, J. M. Mosely, J. R. Ezzell, M. J. Taylor, Junius Millard, J. L. Prichard, D. K. Kornegay, Lewis Carroll, B. F. Marable, G. M. Carroll, J. N. Stallings, L. Highsmith, A. Royal, F. J. Faison, J. D. Huf ham, F. B. Millard, A. J. Emerson, W. H. Smith, J. P. Faison, S. S. Satchwell, G. S. Best, H. Bowden, J. W. Swinson, Joel Hines, J. T. Moore, O. Alderman, G. W. Wallace, G. A. Newell.

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

The Finance committee reported. (See Financial Table.)

Adopted the report of the committee on Obituaries. (Appendix, E.)

Eleven o'clock, the hour set apart to hear Elder Poindexter in behalf of Foreign Missions, having arrived, he pro-

ceeded to deliver an interesting and eloquent address, and was followed by Elder Prichard. Contributions $33 10.

The following by Elder Cohen was adopted:

Resolved, That the churches composing this Association be earnestly exhorted to subscribe for and read prayerfully the "Home and Foreign Journal," published by the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following by Elder Prichard was adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother G. A. Newell has presented to the Association 1,000 copies of an impressive tract, called "Recruits" written, as we learn, by a minister of this body; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we tender our thanks to bro. Newell for his very acceptable donation; 2nd, That we recommend the tract for general distribution.

Called off 20 minutes.

Re-assembled.

The following from the committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention was adopted:

We submit the following names, viz: J. L. Prichard, G. R. French, S. J. Faison, L. Highsmith, S. S. Satchwell, H. E. Carr, J. R. Ezzell, H. McAlpin, A. M. Faison, L. F. Williams, A. J. Emerson, John Cox, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, W. B. Jones, G. S. Best, J. N. Stallings, M. J. Taylor, J. D. Hufham, B. F. Marable, H. R. Kornegay, A. D. Cohen, Z. Slade, S. S. Biddle, L. Thorne, J. M. Wooten, G. W. Wallace, W. M. Kennedy, G. W. Hufham, J. Jackson.

Resolved, That any member of this Association, who may be present at the Convention, be authorized to act as a delegate until the number to which we are entitled is complete.

J. D. HUFHAM, Chm'n.

The committee on the "Biblical Recorder" reported. (See Appendix, F.) Remarks were made by Elders Prichard and Poindexter, and by the Editor, Elder J. D. Hufham, and several names added to the list of subscribers.

Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee reported. (See Appendix, G.)

Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Association reported. (See Appendix, H.)

Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of Colporage reported. (See Appendix, I.)

Elder W. B. Jones, principal of Warsaw High School, was on motion, permitted to advertise said School in the Minutes. (See Appendix, K.)

1200 copies of Minutes were ordered.

The Clerk allowed $15 and postage.

The church at Olive Branch having become extinct, the Clerk was ordered to strike the name from the list of churches.

Elder H. McAlpin and brethren H. J. Hobbs and J. H. Stephens were appointed a committee to visit the church at Fork M. H., and confer with the brethren whether it would be best to resuscitate or disband, and to report to next Association.

The Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay over the amounts sent up by the churches for Foreign Missions together with the amount collected to-day, to Elder Poindexter and take his receipt for the same.

The committee appointed at last Association to report on constitutional reform was, on motion, allowed until next Association to report, and Elder W. B. Jones added to the committee.

Elder J. D. Hufham, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, was appointed a corresponding and visiting delegate to all the sister Associations with which we correspond.

In addition, the following brethren were appointed, viz:

To Cedar Creek—Elder H. McAlpin and bro. A. Royal.

To Tar River—Brethren C. D. Ellis and J. M. Wooten.

To Cape Fear—Elder H. McAlpin and brethren J. H. Stephens, C. D. Ellis and L. Carroll.

To Pamlico—Elders Kennedy and Stallings.

To Raleigh—Elder W. B. Jones.

To Sandy Creek—Elder A. J. Emerson.

To Welsh Neck, S. C.—Elder J. L. Prichard.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of the neighborhood for their hospitality, and to those Rail Road companies which passed the delegates of this body at half fare.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Elder Prichard. Benediction by Elder Kennedy.

B. OLIVER, Moderator.

J. N. STALLINGS, Clerk.

P. S. Elder A. J. Emerson, the Principal, appointed at

last Association to preach the Missionary sermon, being absent on account of sickness, Elder G. S. Best, his alternate, preached to a large congregation at the appointed hour, but the Association, owing to press of business, did not adjourn to hear him. A collection for home Colportage was taken up amounting to $4 15. CLERK.

TABLE. NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
1 Wilmington,.....	New Hanover,.....	J. L. Prichard, C. D. Ellis, J. W. Collins,.....		7		1	1	5	4	235	173	408
2 Mt Holly,.....	" "	Laban Carroll,.....							1	103	26	139
3 Moore's Creek,.....	" "	J. S. Boone,.....		1				1		90	58	148
4 Bethlehem,.....	" "	J. J. Pridgen, J. W. Pridgen,.....	3							87	13	100
5 Marshall's M. H.,.....	" "	J. R. Corbett,.....	2	1			1	2	2	38	40	78
6 Lebanon,.....	" "	S. J. Faison, J. W. Taylor,.....	1		1		3	2	1	43	58	101
7 Well's Chapel,.....	" "	L. Highsmith,.....	10	5	1		1	2	2	102	57	159
8 Riley's Creek,.....	" "	H. E. Carr, Joel Hines,.....	1	2			2		2	83	25	108
9 Shiloh,.....	" "	J. T. Bland,.....					1	3	1	82	21	103
10 Bethel,.....	Sampson,.....	By letter,.....						1	2	55	18	73
11 Lisbon,.....	"	R. Herring,.....		1				5	1	53	18	71
12 Mt. Gilead,.....	"	S. Peterson, J. Vann, L. A. Powell,.....		2			3	2	1	96	25	121
13 New Hope,.....	"	J. R. Ezzell, I. Royal,.....	2	1			2		2	127	43	170
14 Boykin's Chapel,.....	"	H. McAlpin, K. Vann, B. Matthews,.....	..	5			3	3	2	133	87	220
15 White Oak,.....	"	J. S. Cooper, H. Bennett,.....	12	2					1	68	24	92
16 Corinth,†.....	"	Not represented,										51
17 Brown's M. H.,.....	"	W. P. Hobbs, A. Royal,.....					4			35	48	83
18 Beulah,.....	"	A. M. Faison, J. H. Stephens, J. M. Mosely,....		2				1	1	59	106	165
19 Piney Grove,.....	"	W. Darden, G. W. Hobbs,.....	2				7	3	2	136	35	171
20 Fork M. H.,.....	"	Not represented,										
21 Rowan,.....	"	W. M. Chestnut, H. G. Williamson,.....							1	78	34	112
22 Clinton†,.....	"	Not represented,								30	12	42
23 Canaan,.....	"	W. Bennett, R. Bennett, G. W. Wallace,.....		2						23	6	29
24 Mt. Zion†,.....	Bladen,.....	Not represented,										83
25 French's Creek,.....	"	Represented by letter,.....	4							48	6	54

26	Haw Bluff Chapel,	Bladen,	Represented by letter,		11				1	38		53
27	Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	J. Flowers, A. Flowers,							89	36	125
28	Falling Creek,	"	J. Cox, G. F. Parker,	1		1	1			30	21	51
29	Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B. Oliver, C. Jernegan, G. T. Bennett,		1			2	4	138	145	283
30	Warsaw,	"	W. B. Jones, B. C. Bowden,							71	6	77
31	Johnson's M. H.,	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, W. H. Best,	7						130	165	295
32	Kenansville,	"	J. N. Stallings, G. A. Newell, D. J. Middleton,	4	2			1	2	54	93	147
33	Beaver Dam,	"	J. D. Carroll, J. W. Swinson, G. W. Hufham,	9	2			2	2	106	38	144
34	Concord,	"	Represented by letter,	2					2	69	45	114
35	Berea,	"	D. H. Murray,	9					1	116	60	176
36	Island Creek,	"	T. Kilpatrick,	2		1		2	3	116	13	129
37	Limestone,	"	Represented by letter,	4				3	8	139	88	227
38	Corinth,	"	Joseph Boone,	2				1	4	53	9	62
39	Smith's Chapel,†	"	Not represented,							8	20	28
40	Antioch,†	"	Not represented,							14	2	16
41	Prospect,†	"	Not represented,							12		12
42	Chinquepin,	"	Represented by letter,	6						18		18
43	Piney Grove,	Jones,	Represented by letter,									52
44	Newbern,	Craven,	A. D. Cohen,	2	3				1	91	4	95
45	Brice's Creek,	"	Not represented,									
46	Fort Barnwell,	"	Not represented,									
47	Beaufort,	Carteret,	Represented by letter,									
48	Smyrna,	"	Represented by letter,									
49	Woodville,	"	Not represented,									
50	Kinston,	Lenoir,	N. Askew, J. Jackson,							25	15	40
51	Woodenton,†	"	Not represented,									20
52	Union,	"	W. A. Croom,					1		21	33	44
53	Washington†,	Beaufort,	Not represented,							29	55	84
54	Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J. M. Wooten,	1				1		33	1	34
				86	44	4	2	39	52	42	3206	1772	5202

NOTE.—The statistics of the churches marked † are taken from last year's minutes. The whole number of whites and of colored, as footed up, falls short of the total number. The reason is, a few churches report the whole number without distinguishing between white and colored.

TABLE. NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND HIS P. OFFICE.	CH. CLERK AND HIS P. OFFICE.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Wilmington,	Elder J. L. Prichard, Wilmington,	James W. Collins, Wilmington,	Very liberal. Weekly P. M. and regular S. S.
Mt. Holly,	" W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,	B. Carroll, Sill's Creek,	Just completed a commodious house of wors'p
Moore's Creek,	" A. P. Repiton, Wilmington,	O. Alderman, Moore's Creek,	Weekly P. M. and flourishing S. S.
Bethlehem,	" L. F. Williams, Clinton,	J. W. Pridgen, Caintuck,	Healthy condition. Proposes a day of f. and p.
Marshall's M. H.,	" L. F. Williams, Clinton,	D. J. Corbett. "	Nothing of interest reported.
Lebanon,	" J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	S. J. Faison, Harrell's Store,	Rather cold. Has special services for the c.
Well's Chapel,	" W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,	J. T. Newton, "	Weekly P. M. A house of worship under con't
Riley's Creek,	No Pastor reported.	H. E. Carr, Rocky Point,	Nothing of interest reported.
Shiloh,	" D. Wells, Harrell's Store,	H. Sterling Averett, Moore's Creek	Nothing of interest reported.
Bethel,	No Pastor.	O. M. Matthews, Taylor's Bridge,	Holds a Prayer-meeting each Sabbath.
Lisbon,	" A. Guy, Warsaw,	R. Herring, Herringsville,	Reports coldness.
Mt. Gilead,	" H. McAlpin, Clinton,	J. J. Vann, Clinton,	Reports a no. of members in the C. S. A., and ask an interest in prayer for them.
New Hope,	" W. B. Jones, Warsaw,	I. Royal, Six Runs,	Cold. 150 vols in S. S. L. S. S. not in operat'n
Boykin's Chapel,	" H. McAlpin, Clinton,	B. Matthews, Clinton,	Reports coldness,
White Oak,	" G. S. Best, Warsaw,	N. Watson, Clinton,	In a lively state.
Corinth, Sampson,	No report.		
Fork M. H.,	No report.	P. O. of the church is Dobbinsville,	
Brown's M. H.,	" J. P. Faison, Warsaw,	A. Royal, Clinton,	Nothing of interest reported.
Beulah,	" A. J. Emerson, Clinton,	J. M Mosely, Clinton,	Nothing of interest reported.
Piney Grove,	" A. J. Emerson, Clinton,	R. R. Bell, Piney Grove,	Nothing of interest reported.
Rowan,	" G. S. Best, Warsaw,	T. O. Kelly, Clinton,	Nothing of interest reported.
Clinton,	No report.	P. Office of the church is Clinton,	
Canaan,;	" G. W. Wallace, Mt. Olive,	T. Underwood, P. office not known	Nothing of interest reported.
Mt. Zion,	" L. F. Williams, Clinton,	Not reported.	Nothing of interest reported.
French's Creek,	" L. F. Williams, Clinton,		
Haw Bluff Chapel,	No Pastor,	G. W. Ross, post office not known.	Nothing of interest reported.

Thunder Swamp,	Elder J. D. Hufham, Raleigh,	R. W. King, Mt. Olive,	Nothing of interest reported.
Falling Creek,	" G. W. Wallace, Mt. Olive,	D. D. Carroll, Falling Creek,	Nothing of interest reported.
Bear Marsh,	" J. D. Hufham, Raleigh,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,	Have preaching semi-monthly.
Warsaw,	" A. Guy, Warsaw,	B. C. Bowden, Warsaw,	Nothing of interest.
Johnson's M. H.,	" G. S. Best, Warsaw,	W. R. Bell, Warsaw,	Reports coldness.
Kenansville,	" J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	G. A. Newell, Kenansville,	Semi-weekly P. M. Regular S. S. Special services for C.
Beaver Dam,	" A. Guy, Warsaw,	G. W. Carroll, Kenansville,	In lively condition.
Concord,	" W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,	J. W. Taylor, Magnolia,	Nothing of interest reported.
Berea,	" A. Guy, Warsaw,	Hiram Murray, Teachey's Depot,	In lively condition.
Island Creek,	" H. R. Kornegay, Kenansville,	O. Hanchey, Island Creek,	Nothing interesting.
Limestone,	" G. S. Best, Warsaw,	J. T. Carroll, Kenansville,	Nothing interesting.
Corinth,	" D. Wells, Harrell's Store,	W. B. Wells, Magnolia,	Reports coldness.
Smith's Chapel,	No report.		
Antioch,	" H. R. Kornegay, Kenansville,		
Prospect,	" W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,		Very weak.
Chinquepin,	" J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	H. G. Maxwell, Chinquepin,	Healthy growth. Weak.
Piney Gr've, Jones	" G. W. Wallace, Mt. Olive,	J. H. Whitby, Trenton,	Just completed a good house of worship.
Newbern,	" A. D. Cohen, Newbern,	W. S. Ballinger, Newbern,	Very liberal. Healthy condition.
Brice's Creek,	No Report.		
Fort Barnwell,	No report.		
Smyrna,	No report.		
Beaufort,	Report by Elder Richardson, Mis'y		Very weak. Bad condition.
Woodville,	No Report.		
Kinston,	Elder L. Thorne, Kinston,	P. Hardee, Kinston,	Nothing interesting reported.
Woodenton,	No report.		
Washington,	No report.		
Union Chapel,	Elder J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	J. M. Wooten, Catharine Lake,	The only Miss'ry Baptist church in Onslow.
Union,	" G. W. Wallace, Mt. Olive,	W. A. Croom, Strabane,	Nothing interesting reported.

NOTE.—The remarks in the above table have been selected from the several letters. P. M. is for prayer-meeting. S. S. for Sabbath School. S. S. L. Sabbath School library. C. Colored. F. and P. Fasting and Prayer. It is hoped that the churches will send fuller statements to next Association of Sabbath Schools—number of scholars, number of volumes, what paper taken, &c.; also of Prayer Meetings, &c.

TABLE. NO. 3.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Itinerancy	Colport'ge	Foreign Missions.	Education	Bib. Pl at Nashville.	Minutes of Convent'n	Union Relief Society	Pledge for Itinerancy	Pledge for Colport'ge
Wilmington,	$4 00	$ 92 00	$25 00	$ 71 73					$100	$ 25
Mount Holly,	3 00									
Moore's Creek,	2 40									
Marshall's M. H.,	2 00									
Bethlehem,	1 50									
Lebanon,	3 00	10 25							10	
Well's Chapel,	3 50	17 00		8 00						
Riley's Creek,	2 00	30 00						$ 3		
Shiloh,	1 80									
Bethel,	1 00		3 00							
Lisbon,	2 00									
Mt. Gilead,	2 00	5 00								
New Hope,	3 30		2 30							
Boykin's Chapel,	3 00									
White Oak,	2 25	5 00								
Brown's M. H.,	2 00									
Beulah,	2 75	14 35								
Piney Grove, Sampson	3 10									
Rowan,	2 00									
French's Creek,	90									
Canaan,	2 00									
Haw Bluff Chapel,	1 50									
Thunder Swamp,	1 50									
Falling Creek,	1 50									
Bear Marsh,	3 00	22 00								
Warsaw,	2 30									
Johnson's M. H.,	2 35	22 75							22	18
Kenansville,	3 00									
Beaver Dam,	3 00	7 00								
Berea,	2 00	1 75	1 75							
Island Creek,	1 80									
Limestone,	2 85									
Beaufort,	75									
Chinquepin,	2 00									
Union Chapel,	1 50	5 00								
Newbern,	1 00	27 25	8 00	41 00	9 50	$ 20	$ 1			
Corinth,	2 20									
Kinston,	2 00	4 00								
Concord,	2 50	3 00								
Piney Grove, Jones,	2 00									
Union,	2 00									
Total.	$90 25	$266 35	$40 05	$ 119 73	$9 50	$ 20	$ 1	$ 3	$132	$ 43

NOTE.—This table is compiled from the several letters. Several churches which made pledges last year, having redeemed them altogether or in part before the meeting of the Association, make no report of those amounts in their letters. They will find credit in the reports of the Treasurers of Itineracy and Colportage. Only those churches which sent up funds, are included in this table.

Appendix.

A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee report as follows:

Elders L. F. Williams, W. M. Kennedy, J. N. Stallings, A. W. Wilcox and James Richardson have labored a portion of their time under our direction.

Elder Williams has preached at French's Creek, Bladen county, and the vicinity—monthly at the church, also at a station some miles below. He reports the field as a very interesting one. Some success has crowned his efforts, seven having been baptized during the year. Your committee consider this an important point, and but for our efforts it would have been destitute of the gospel.

Elder Kennedy has preached monthly at Prospect, Duplin county. He reports that the congregation is increasing in numbers, and that more interest is manifested, though no additions have been made. This field is one of great destitution.

Elder Stallings has attended the churches at Chinquepin, Duplin county, and Union Chapel, Onslow county, preaching at each church monthly. Both are points of much importance. Chinquepin is on the outskirts. The church is a young one, having been constituted but little over one year. For miles below there is the greatest destitution, there being no preaching, except occasionally by the Anti-Missionaries. Elder S. reports some success and much encouragement. Six have been baptized during the year. Union Chapel is the only regular Baptist church in Onslow. It too is of recent organization. It stands like an oasis in the vast desert around. Elder S. reports one baptism in this field and large congregations with a growing interest amongst them.

Elder Wilcox labored one quarter at Washington, Beaufort county, when he ceased his connection with us, since which time we have been unable to find any one for that field and have heard nothing from the church.

Elder Richardson has labored at Beaufort since the 1st last July. This point is one your committee has been very loth

to neglect. We have considered it a point of much importance. Yet Elder R. reports the prospect as very discouraging.

In addition to the above, your committee has made a small appropriation to Canaan church, Sampson county, to assist her in procuring a pastor.

Your committee further report that, at our last meeting, held 5th Sunday in July, we passed a resolution to furnish the soldiers stationed upon the coast of N. C., with Testaments, Tracts and other religious reading. Under this resolution we have purchased 65,500 tracts and subscribed for 27 copies of Biblical Recorder for one quarter, which we have distributed together with 300 pamphlets, 100 Testaments and 200 other religious papers which were donated to us. The distributions were made at 22 different times from Fort Caswell to Fort Macon inclusive. While your committee knew that this had not been expressly committed to their charge by the Association, yet the necessity and importance of the work so impressed us, that we thought we would be but expressing the will of the Association by pursuing the course we have. We respectfully ask your endorsement, and would recommend that further efforts be made in the same way. We trust that much good has been done as the soldiers are very eager for something to read. In conclusion, your committee would recommend that the work of the Itineracy be prosecuted with redoubled energy. We humbly thank the Lord of the harvest for the blessings which have attended the efforts made in this way, and though it has not been so successful as the efforts made in some previous years, still, as you perceive, the prospect is cheering. The importance of the work cannot be overestimated nor overstated. Deep spiritual gloom pervades many portions of our bounds. Vast destitution exists. Ignorance, vice and iniquity abound. In view of this deep, vast destitution, your committee regrets to see that the contributions and pledges for the Itinerancy have greatly fallen off. Unless the churches arouse to a sense of their duties and responsibilities, the work will flag, if not fail, which the Lord avert.

Respectfully.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

B.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

Your committee submit the following:

Bro. J. J. Edwards was appointed as colporter. He reports having spent 74 days in the work, during which time he traveled 611 miles; visited 152 families; conversed with 122 families on the subject of religion; found 18 families destitute of the Bible or Testament, and 58 destitute of any other religious book; delivered 9 addresses; held 9 prayer-meetings; organized 3 Sabbath Schools; sold 3 Sabbath School Libraries; gave away 24 Bibles or Testaments worth $8 45, and 15 religious books worth $3 05; sold 34 Bibles or Testaments worth $7 15, and 143 other religious books worth $45 10. Brother Edwards closed his connection with us on the 5th Sunday in March on account of other engagements, but expressed the intention to commence operations with us again this Fall if desired. Much good was accomplished through brother E. and your committee earnestly recommend the prosecution of this work. Since brother E. closed his labors with us, we have been unable to procure the services of a suitable person. Bro. D. B. Bennett engaged to labor in this department, but has spent only a few days. When your committee think upon the great destitution in our bounds, we would call upon the churches to come forward and by their means enable us to furnish the hundreds and thousands of the poor and perishing with the word of life. The money sent up and pledges made are small. We are pained to see it, and sincerely hope the churches will re-consider the matter, and carry this work vigorously on.

Respectfully.

B. OLIVER, Chairman.

C.

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

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In account with C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Oct. 10, '60.	To amount from old account,	$411 11
" "	" Sundries at Lebanon,	26 80
" "	" Am't collected by L. F. Williams,	29 00
		$466 91

		Amount brought forward,	$466	91
Dec. 29,	'60.	To sundries at New Hope,	36	35
Feb. 2,	'61.	" Subscription by J. Ezzell,	3	00
" 28,	"	" " Newton and Wilkins,	2	00
Mar. 29,	"	" " at Kenansville,	16	10
June 28,	"	" " at Moore's Creek,	8	00
Oct'r 1,	"	" Int. on Ellis and Mitchell's note up to 1st October, 1861,	22	25
		Total,	$555	66

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Oct. 1, '61.	By Ellis and Mitchell's note,	$425	53		
" "	" Marable and Huf ham's note,	67	28		
" "	" G. W. & J. D. Huf ham's "	57	75		
" "	" Printing 500 copies Constitutions,	3	00		
" "	" Cash on hand,	2	10	$555	66

C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

D.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We respectfully report, that the School is at present under the management of brother W. B. Jones, Mrs. D. W. Jones and Miss Mary J. Newell, and is in a prosperous condition. Although 27 of the young men have left the School to engage in the defence of our country, still there is a large number of students present, their places having been supplied by others. The number of students is 72. There have been connected with the School since our last reports 123 pupils, and as we stated in our last report to you, we are entirely free from debt. We still let bro. Jones occupy the building without rent. Dear brethren of the Association, we have desired and prayed for a school in our own bounds, that we might educate our sons and daughters in a way that seemed right to us. We think the Lord has given it to us, and we only ask your patronage.

H. E. CARR, Ch'n.

E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We report the following:

It is a pleasing fact that we are permitted to rejoice that there has not come to the knowledge of your committee a report of the decease of any of our ministers during the Associational year which has just passed. Brethren, we ought to return hearty thanks to our kind and merciful God, that when there appears to be an increased demand for laborers in the vineyard on account of the disturbed condition of our country, God is sparing the lives of his servants. O that we may be stimulated to make greater exertions for our Master's cause as a proper expression of our gratitude to him for his goodness.

A. D. COHEN, Chm'n.

F.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

It is a gratifying fact to us, as an Association, to know that the Biblical Recorder has been enabled to make its regular weekly visits. This would have been gratifying at any time and under any circumstances, and is especially so under the present extraordinary state of things. Many religious papers have been under the necessity of suspending altogether, whilst not a few have only been able to continue by greatly diminishing their dimensions. The credit of this is mainly due to our highly esteemed brother, who now has charge of the paper. His editorials and selections are ably and judiciously prepared and made. The spirited tone of the paper is truly christian. It is a welcome visitor to our homes and firesides. While the entire Baptist family in N. C. should rally to its support, we feel there is a special reason, from the fact that the Editor was raised in our midst, why this Association should do so. It is therefore earnestly hoped and urged that each will exert himself in its behalf. Let us all take it, and urge others to do so also.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. PRICHARD, Chm'n.

G.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

In Account with C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Oct. 10, '60.	To amount from old account,	$332 07
" " "	" Collection at Lebanon,	30 47
" 26, "	" Woodenton church (per J. N. S.)	5 00
Dec. 29, "	" J. M. Wooten (per J. N. S.)	10 00
" " "	" Collection at New Hope,	5 60
Mar. " '61.	" one-half Collection at Kenansville,	6 00
Jnly 22, "	" Collection at Well's Chapel church for the purchase of Testaments, tracts, &c., for soldiers on Coast,	7 40
	To cash from Wilmington church,	92 00
	" " " Shiloh "	17 50
	" " " Well's Chapel "	24 35
	" " " Mt. Gilead "	15 00
	" " " Moore's Creek "	10 00
	" " " Bear Marsh "	20 00
	" " " Lebanon "	13 00
	" " " Riley's Creek "	30 00
	" " " Union Chapel "	14 00
	" " " Kenansville "	24 50
	" " " Piney Grove " (Sam'n)	4 70
	" " " Prospect "	2 50
	" " " Boykin's Chapel "	16 50
	" " " White Oak "	5 00
	" " " Beulah "	14 35
	" " " Johnson's M. H "	22 75
	" " " Beaverdam "	7 00
	" " " Berea "	1 75
	Total,	$730 90

CONTRA.

Dec. 29, '60.	By cash paid J. N. Stallings 1-4 sal'y,	$12 50
" " "	" " L. F. Williams "	6 25
" " "	" " A. W. Wilcox "	25 00
Jan. 3, '61.	" " for Secretary's book,	33
Mar. 29, "	" " to Canaan church,	7 50
		$51 58

	Amount brought forward,		$51 58
Mar. 29, '61.	By cash paid E. A. Best due for last year's services,		75 50
Mar. 29, '61.	By cash paid W. M. Kennedy 1-2 sal'y,		32 50
" " " " "	L. F. Williams 1-4 sal'y,		12 50
" " " " "	J. N. Stallings "		25 00
June 28, " " "	W. M. Kennedy "		25 00
" " " " "	J. N. Stallings "		25 00
" " " " "	L. F. Williams "		18 25
July 23, " " "	for 30,000 tracts,		20 00
" 31, " " "	for 167 tracts called "Come to Jesus,"		5 00
Aug. 2, " " "	45,000 tracts,		25 00
Sep. 10, " " "	G. W. Wallace,		15 00
" " " " "	27 copies Bib. Recorder for troops at Camp Wyatt with postage,		16 20
Oct. 8, '61.	By cash paid J. Richardson 1-4 salary,		37 50
" " " "	W. M. Kennedy "		25 00
" " " "	L. F. Williams "		18 75
" " " "	J. N. Stallings "		25 00
	By balance to new account,		278 12
			$730 90

We have examined the above and find it correct.

COMMITTEE.

H.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. FAISON, Treasurer of the Association, Dr.

Oct. 8, '60.	To amt. received at Association, 1860,		$658 89

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1860.	By amt. paid B. S. Convention,	$485 69		
" "	" for Minutes,	107 00		
" "	" for Colportage,	50 00		
" "	" Clerk of Association $20 00 Distributing minutes $2,	22 00		$664 69
	Amount overpaid and due Treasu rer,			$5 80

Audited and found correct.

J. W. COLLINS,
C. JERNEGAN,
R. HERRING, } Com.

I.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COLPORTAGE.

J. N. STALLINGS, Temporary Treasurer of Colportage, Dr.

Jan. 29, '60.	To amt. collection at Piney Grove,	$80 35
July " "	" " at Bethlehem,	22 00
Oct. 10, "	" sent up from "	20 00
" " "	" collections at Lebanon,	12 00
		$134 35

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July 29, '60.	By cash paid J. J. Edwards's salary and traveling expenses,		$80 26
Oct. 10, "	By cash paid J. J. Edward's salary and traveling expenses,		43 66
			$123 92
	Balance in hand,		10 43
			$134 35

M. J. TAYLOR, Treasurer Colportage, Dr.

March 29, '61.	To amount collection at Kenansville,	$ 6	13
Oct. 8, "	" " on pledge from Kenansville church,	10	50
Oct. 8,	'61. To amt. collection on pledge from Concord church,	3	75
Oct. 8,	'61. To amt. collection on pledge from Bethlehem church,	5	00
Oct. 8,	'61. To amt. cash from Wilmington ch'h,	25	90
" "	" " " " New Hope "	2	30
" "	" " " " Berea "	1	75
" "	" " " " Newbern "	8	00
" "	" received from J. N. Stallings, Temporary Treas'r,	10	35
" "	" Cash from Bethel church,	3	00
		$75	78

CONTRA.

Mar. 29, '61.	By cash paid J. J. Edwards, Colporter,	13	00
June 29, " "	" " Ellis & Mitchel for freight on books,	3	18
		$16	18
Oct. 8, '61.	By amt. carried to new acct.	59	60
		$75	78

We have examined the above and find it correct.

I. ROYAL,
J. D. CARROLL, } Committee.

K.

HIGH SCHOOL AT WARSAW, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY, Jan. 1, 1862.

This School is now conducted on a new plan to suit the times.

The Male and Female Boarding houses are both in charge of the Principal, and board reduced to actual cost. An account is kept of every item of expense through the session, and at its close, the whole amount is divided equally among the boarders, in proportion to the time they have been in the house.

TIME OF ENTRANCE.

The School will open on the 20th of January, and pupils will be received any time during the session. Students are charged only for the number of days they are in school.

BOOKS USED.

It is impossible to have much uniformity in school books at this time. Let the students bring from home all they have, and by exchanging with others, we shall be able to form classes.

LIGHTS.

Each house is furnished with large and brilliant suspension lamps, made expressly to burn spirits of turpentine. This is much cheaper than burning fluid or tallow candles.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

There is a daily prayer meeting in school from half past one to two o'clock. All the students attend this meeting.

SPELLING AND READING.

Particular attention is paid to spelling and reading. Small students recite these lessons from eight to twelves times every day; those who are more advanced, four times.

PAINTING AND DRAWING.

Painting in oils, water colors and crayons is taught.

Music.

Music lessons are given on the Guitar, Melodeon, and Piano. Vocal Music is also taught.

To Furnish from Home.

Each boarder should bring from home two sheets, a pair of pillow slips, two towels, and a quilt, blanket, or comfort.

Time to Pay.

There is no charge in advance for tuition, but every person is expected to settle, in some way, at the close of each session. We request twenty dollars in advance for board. This will enable us to reduce the price considerably, by paying cash for such articles as we have to purchase. We do not think board will exceed $7 per month, and it may be less.

To the Brethren.

Dear brethren, the Lord will use this School to promote His own glory and your good if we continue to ask His blessing upon it. In answer to prayer, He has sent to it seventy-two pupils this session.

For any information you can write to

W. B. JONES.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, The expediency of a revision and amendment of the Constitution of the Association has become manifest: we, therefore, unanimously adopt the following:

1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to three delegates.

3. In the selection of these delegates, the churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

4. The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and the interests thereof.

5. The Association shall select out of their members annually a presiding officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

6. The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to "law and testimony."

7. The Association shall have a fund created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

8. A faithful record shall be made of the proeeedings of each annual session, which shall be printed and be presented to each session.

9. It shall be the province of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; which committee shall be amenable for their official acts to the Association.

10. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches, which neglect to institute and preserve proper or gospel order among their members, nor towards any of her churches and ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt—but shall sustain with all her influence such as promote gospel principles and order.

11. The Association shall not recognize as valid the ordina-

tion of any minister which may take place within the bounds of her churches, without her prior direction or virtual sanction.

12. It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to a seat, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion—but not to vote.

13. The annual session of this Association shall be on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen; and to continue until Thursday, and longer if necessary.

14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon preached at each annual session, and also a Missionary sermon.

15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer, (or in his absence the Secretary,) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman pro tem. shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transaction. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully adddress himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not

receive attention; but if seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing, shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for a re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also, special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who manifest a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open conference by devotional exercise, or call upon some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the conference shall be faithfully transcribed,

and at every regular meeting the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in conference, who shall enjoy the privileges of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses; and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that compose this body.

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

THE TRUSTEES

OF

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE,

Avail themselves of a privilege allowed them by the Brethren of the Union Association, to notice the Institution which they have in charge. It is unnecessary to do more than to state some prominent facts, such as that the college, notwithstanding the distracted condition of our country, is still in successful operation, and that its exercises will not be suspended unless the number of Students is absolutely too small to furnish materials for the four regular classes; that it is placed, by the liberality of its friends in providing an endowment, beyond the reach of ordinary contingencies; that it is provided with an able and efficient corps of professors, giving instruction in all the branches connected with the regular College course; and that in addition there has been organized a Military department conducted upon a plan consistent with the peculiar objects contemplated by the founders of the College.

EXPENSES.

Tuition per Session,	$25 00
Room Rent,	1 00
Servant Hire,	2 50
Incidental Expenses,	2 00
	$30 50

Good Board may be had at $9 per month, if paid strictly in advance, or if not $9 50; Washing $1 per month.

SAM'L WAIT, President
Board of Trustees, Wake Forest College.

September 13, 1861.

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT MOUNT GILEAD,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 11, 12, 13, 1862.

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PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, Nov. 11th, 1862.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder McAlpin, from Hebrews iv : 16.

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, brother Oliver, who read the 19th Psalm. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Elder B. F. Marable.

The list of churches was called—a majority being represented, proceeded to organize. Brethren S. J. Faison and Isham Royal were appointed Assistant Clerks; and brethren Lewis Highsmith, G. W. Carroll and O. M. Matthews, a Committee of Finance.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of the Church, and M. J. Taylor.

Letters from the churches called for and read.

The letters from Thunder Swamp and Bear Marsh were laid on the table.

Proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren G. A. Newall and H. J. Hobbs were appointed tellers, for the election of Moderator; N. A. Croom and J. M. Wooten, for the election of Clerk; W. M. Kennedy and H. McAlpin, for the election of Treasurer.

Brother Oliver, former Moderator, having declined a re-election, S. J. Faison was elected Moderator. Brother J. N. Stallings, former Clerk, having also declined a relection, Isham Royal was elected Clerk. A. M. Faison was re-elected Treasurer.

Brother Oliver, then, after a few feeling and appropriate remarks, retired from the chair.

Brother Faison, after thanking the members for this expression of their regard, stated that it was with much diffidence, that he entered on the duties of the office.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to, brother Oliver, former Modera-

tor, for the very able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this body.

Committee on religious exercises reported the following:

Prayer meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10 by Elder Jessup; preaching at 11 1-2, by Elder Royall; afternoon, by Elder Kennedy.

Committee on Order of Business—Elders L. F. Williams, W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, and brethren Laban Carroll and John Vann.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats. None came forward.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder McAlpin.

Benediction by Elder Stallings.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12, 1862.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder G. S. Best and brethren Laban Carroll and Asher Flowers.

After an intermission of ten minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the 103d Psalm. Prayer by Elder Cobb.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting and Corresponding brethren invited to seats. Elder N. B. Cobb, Superintendent of Army Colportage, also corresponding delegate from the Pamlico Association, presented himself, Elder W. Royall, as Agent of the Trustees of Wake Forrest College, also of the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention, Elder Dodson, Agent of Army Colportage, Elder J. D. Hufham, corresponding delegate from the Central Association. They were all cordially welcomed.

On motion, list of absent churches called.

Letters from Beulah, Brown's, Riley's Creek, and Lebanon, were handed in and read.

The Committee on the Order of Business submitted the following, which was adopted:

1. Appointment of Committees.
2. Report of Committees appointed last session.
3. Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer.

4. Call for Petitionary letters.
5. Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School.
6. Hear Elder Cobb.
7. Hear Elder Royall.
8. Executive Committee on Colportage.
9. Selection of place to hold next session.
10. The appointment of ministers to preach the Introductory, Denominational and Missionary Sermons.
11. Miscellaneous business.

L. F. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Education—Elders Emmerson, McAlpin and Jones.

On Biblical Recorder—Elders B. F. Marable, L. F. Williams, and bro. J. M. Wooten.

On Army Colportage—Elders J. D. Hufham, W. B. Jones and G. S. Best.

On Obituaries—Elders W. M. Kennedy, G. W. Hufham, and brethren M. J. Taylor and A. Brown.

To Audit account of Treasurer of Association—H. E. Carr and A. Brown.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—N. R. Croom, G. A. Newell and H. Herring.

The Committee appointed last session to visit Fork Meeting House, report the following:

They recommend, that the church be dropped from the list composing this Association. They also earnestly request the Executive Committee to make it one of their stations of preaching. Report adopted.

On motion, proceeded to the election of Executive Committee, by ballot.

Elders Hufham and Emerson were appointed tellers, to superintend the election.

Result—C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, L. Highsmith, J. H. Stevens, L. Carroll, J. W. Collins, G. A. Newell, M. J. Taylor, B. Matthews.

The Committee on Constitution revision submitted a report of a new Constitution. The first five Articles were read and adopted.

Elder A. B. Alderman came forward from Cedar Creek Association and presented a package of minutes. He was cordially welcomed.

Called off half an hour.

REASSEMBLED.

Regular order of business suspended, and the letters from Bear Marsh and Thunder Swamp were called up.

Presbytery appointed to examine into the qualifications of bro. A. Flowers, and ordain if found worthy—Elder L. F. Williams, H. McAlpin, J. N. Stallings.

Presbytery to visit Bear Marsh Church and examine into the qualifications of bro. J. R. Oliver, and ordain if found worthy—Elders A. Guy, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, G. W. Huf ham, J. D. Huf ham.

Petitionary letters called for.

A letter was read from the Church at Natmore Creek, asking admission into this Association, which was granted.

On motion, the regular order of business resumed, and the remaining Articles of the Constitution were read and adopted. All the Articles were then adopted in a body. (See Constitution.)

Report of Executive Committee called for. Bro. Oliver, chairman, stated that on account of the absence of the Treasurer, they were not prepared to make a full report. Bro. Oliver made a verbal report, giving a short abstract of their proceedings during the year. The reports of brethren Jessup and J. R. Oliver were then read as part of Committee's report. Full report to be made to Clerk and appended to minutes.

On motion, the subject of Army Colportage to be made the order of business to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Sabbath Schools appointed, consisting of A. J. Emerson and B. F. Marable.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 1862.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises by Elders Dodson, McAlpin, and Williams. Roll called.—Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Haw Bluff Chapel, Marshall's M. H., and Bethlehem, read.

Report of Treasurer of Association read and adopted.—(See Appendix A.)

Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School read and accepted. (See Appendix B.)

The Treasurer of Association authorized to pay to Executive Committee all funds collected for Associational Missions.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report adopted.—(See Appendix C.)

The claims of the Recorder were presented by Elders Dodson, Marable, Royall, and brother B. Oliver.

Committee on Army Colportage reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Elder Cobb, being called on by the Moderator, set forth the claims of Army Colportage in a very able and successful manner. Remarks were made by others. A collection was then taken up for this object, amounting to $126.30.

Amount collected to send Recorder to soldiers, $13.55.

The Treasurer authorized to pay Elder Cobb the amount collected for Army Colportage, and to pay Elder Hufham the amount collected to send Recorder to soldiers.

On motion, the selection of the place to hold next session of Association, referred to the Ministers and Deacons, at some early meeting, and the churches requested to send in petitions.

On motion, the Committee on Obituaries allowed further time to make their report, and hand to Clerk to be appended to minutes, and Elder W. B. Jones added to Committee. (See Appendix H.)

Resolved, That each church, composing this Association, be requested to keep, and send to the next session of this body, a correct account of all monies collected and disbursed during the year, and for what object.

Elder W. M. Kennedy was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon next session—Elder J. N. Stallings to be his alternate.

Elder J. D. Hufham appointed to preach Denominational Sermon.

Elder B. F. Marable was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday of next session—Elder H. McAlpin to be his alternate.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School report as follows.

B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, A. W. Carlton,

J. M. Moseley,	J. R. Ezzell,	M. J. Taylor,
J. M. Millard,	J. L. Prichard,	D. K. Kornegay,
Lewis Carroll,	B. F. Marable,	G. W. Carroll,
J. N. Stallings,	L. Highsmith,	A. Royal,
S. J. Faison,	J. M. Wooten,	F. B. Millard,
A. J. Emerson,	W. H. Smith,	J. P. Faison,
S. S. Satchwell,	G. S. Best,	H. Bourden,
J. W. Swinson,	Joel Hines,	J. T. Moore,
O. Alderman,	David Matthews,	L. A. Powell.

H. HERRING, Chairman.

Committee on Education reported. Report adopted.—(See Appendix F.)

Elder Royall then submitted the claims of Wake Forest College in a clear and lucid manner, asking the co-operation of this body in supporting beneficiaries.

On motion of brother Jones, a Committee of three was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of pledging the Association to support a beneficiary at Wake Forest College—Committee: J. N. Stallings, B. Oliver, J. M. Wooten.

Called off half an hour.

REASSEMBLED.

The Finance Committee reported. Report adopted.—(See Appendix G.)

On motion, the Finance Committee were ordered to settle with Treasury of Association.

The Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay O. M. Matthews Two Dollars and Thirty Cents for advertizing.

The Clerk was ordered to have 1000 copies of the minutes printed for distribution.

Ordered that the Clerk have $15 for his services. Postage also allowed.

Resolved, That our heartfelt thanks are eminently due and are hereby tendered, to the brothers, sisters and friends of this neighborhood, for their hospitality in receiving the Association and sustaining the delegates so liberally. May God reward them.

The Presbytery appointed to examine brother Flowers, submitted the following report:

Your Presbytery, appointed to examine into the qualifications of brother A. Flowers, Jr., report that, while they are satisfied with the piety and Christian character of the

candidate, yet they do not feel satisfied to recommend him for ordination, at present. We would respectfully advise, and affectionately request, brother Flowers to persevere in the exercise of his gifts, and that he study carefully the Scriptures, especially points of doctrine; and when he becomes more matured he can be examined again.

Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

A Committee was appointed to make the necessary changes in the Rules of Order and report a standing order of business. Committee—B. F. Marable, W. M. Kennedy and W. B. Jones.

Moved, that so much of the amount overpaid by L. Highsmith, as Treasurer pro. tem. of Executive Committee, as was expended for Colportage, be deducted from the amount sent up for Army Colportage.

On motion, any brother of this Association, who may be present at the session of any other Association with which we correspond, shall be considered a delegate to said body.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October, A. D., 1863, at such place as may be selected.

Prayer by Elder Emerson.

Benediction by Elder Kennedy.

SOLOMON J. FAISON, *Moderator.*

ISHAM ROYAL, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer of the Association,		Dr.
Nov. 12, 1862. To am't received at Association,		$239 48
Cr.		
By am't paid for minutes,	$ 70 25	
" " " Home and For. Miss.,	119 73	
" " " Clerk of Association,	20 00	209 98
		$ 29 50
Deduct from the am't overpaid last year,		5 80
Amount now on hand,		$ 23 70

Audited and found correct.

H. E. CARR,
ARTHUR BROWN, } Committee.

(B.)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

We respectfully report, that the School is at present under the supervision of Elder W. B. Jones. Mrs. D. W. Jones is Teacher in the Female Department, and Isham Royall Teacher in the Male department.

The School has been in successful operation for the last year, and is at present in a prosperous condition. There have been 102 pupils connected with the school since our last report. The present number is 68. Brethren, we have prayed to the Lord to give us a good school, and we feel that our prayers have been answered. The buildings are free from all incumbrances. Let us do all we can to

make it a self-sustaining school. Tuition and board are as low as can be afforded. There is room for several more students. We feel that, if we do our duty, the Lord will give us a school that will reflect credit on our Association, and the denomination at large. One of the students has made a profession the present session, and there has been a great interest manifested among several others.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. CARR,
Chairman of Trustees.

(C.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Resolved, That we congratulate the denomination on the improved character and increasing circulation of the Biblical Recorder, our denominational organ.

Resolved, That in view of the increasing expense in publishing the paper, we approve the course of the Editor in raising the price from two to three dollars.

B. F. MARABLE.

(D.)

ARMY COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following:

Army Colportage is the great enterprise of this age. In the providence of God, hundreds of thousands of our countrymen have been called into the field, from home, its comforts, its restraining influences, and its religious privileges, into the camp, where they are not only exposed to hardships, disease, danger and death, but to temptations of a new and fearful kind. Army Colportage has been shown to be the instrumentality for reaching the soldier. The colporter, with his bundle of tracts, his personal conversations in the camp and the hospital, and his brief, pointed addresses in the nightly prayer-meetings and on the Sab-

bath, have been shown to be an excellent agency for good in the army.

Our soldiers from North Carolina have not been entirely neglected, though they have not received, from their Christian friends at home, that attention which their condition demanded. Rev. N. B. Cobb, now present with us, for a considerable time acted as volunteer agent to supply them with religious reading. He has since received the endorsement of several Associations, and of the Western Convention, and he is now on the field, as General Superintendent of Colportage for N. Carolina. He has shown, by the efficiency of his labors and the success which has attended them, that he is admirably qualified for the position he holds. We commend him and his enterprise to the members of this Association, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved That the Executive Committee of this body be instructed to transfer to Rev. N. B. Cobb the books, funds, &c., which they may have in hand, and that our efforts in this department of labor be carried on through him.

COMMITTEE.

[E.]

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNION ASSOCIATION

In account with C. D. Ellis, Treasurer.

1861.		Dr.
Oct. 8,	Balance from old account	$278 12
" 9,	Collection at Piney Grove	4 00
Dec. 28,	" at Mount Holly to supply reading for the Troops	11 06
1862.		
Mar. 29,	Collected at Concord for Testaments	22 50
June 27,	Mrs. Wright	1 00
" "	J. M. Fennell	1 00
" "	M. Taylor, Treasurer of Colportage	57 00
" "	Collection by James H. Yarborough, in camps	4 35
" "	" at Bear Marsh	31 70
	Wilmington Church	26 00
	Newbern "	27 25
	Concord "	3 00
	Kinston "	4 00
	Piney Grove, (Sampson,)	19 80
	Kenansville Church	19 00
	Bear Marsh "	5 00
	Well's Chapel "	9 38
	Lisbon "	8 85
	Riley's Creek "	9 15
	Bethel "	3 50
		$545 66

PER CONTRA.

1861.		
Oct. 9,	G. W. Wallace one-fourth salary	$7 50
Nov. 27,	Three hundred Testaments	37 50
" "	Express freight on Testaments	3 00
Dec. 28,	J. N. Stallings one-fourth salary	18 00
1862.		
Feb. 12,	Express freight on two boxes Testaments and Tracts from Richm'd	3 95
Mar. 29,	J. N. Stallings one-fourth salary	12 00
" "	L. F. Williams one-half year's salary	30 00
June 13,	J. H. Yarborough board one month	30 00
" 27,	W. M. Kennedy ten days service one-fourth	12 50
	" expenses	3 35
	L. F. Williams one-fourth salary	15 00
	J. N. Stallings	9 00
	James H. Yarborough one month eleven day's salary	22 75
	J. R. Oliver eighteen days salary	18 00
July 14,	James H. Yarborough's board one month	26 00
Aug. 9,	" " "	27 00
Sept. 19,	" " washing to 19th inst.	43 00
	Balance carried to new account	227 11
		545 66

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

E. E. Sept. 19, 1862.

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

1861. In account with C. D. Ellis, Treasurer.

October 8.	To amount brought forward as per account rendered 1861.....	$555	60
	Interest on G. W. Hufham's Note.....	3	45
	Do. Hufham & Marable do.....	4	00
Decem. 28.	Sundry subscriptions, at Piney Grove.....	20	50
March 29.	Do do Mt. Holly.....	17	00
June 28.	Do do. Bear Marsh.....	27	00
	Do do Concord.....	15	40
October 1.	Interest on Ellis & Mitchell's Note.....	27	89
		$670	85

CONTRA.

1861. Oct. 10.	By cash paid N. Askew per order of President.....	$ 20	00	
	Ellis & Mitchell's Note.....	525	82	
	Marable & Hufham's do.....	67	28	
	G. W. Hufham's do.....	57	75	$670 85

CHARLES D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

E. E.—Oct. 1862.

(F.)

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education report the following:

Education is beginning to be sadly neglected by many of our brethren in this Association. The cause of Christ requires that this subject be attended to. If our sons and daughters are educated, their influence for good will be greatly enlarged, and the fruits of their labors will be greatly increased.

The School at Warsaw is yet in a prosperous condition, and, as the child of the Association, should be more extensively patronized. Give your children more education and less property, and they will thank you for it when you are gone.

Wake Forest College has been forced to suspend, in consequence of the Conscription Act, which left but seven students in attendance. It is worthy of consideration whether the denomination in the State should not take hold of the enterprise with vigor, and place it upon higher and more stable ground than it has ever occupied. The period of the suspension of exercises, then, is a favorable one for devising expedients to this end, and your Committee recommend that the Association co-operate with their brethren in other parts of the State in whatever measures may be deemed suitable and necessary for sustaining this our cherished seat of learning.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. EMERSON.

(G.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	FUNDS.		
	Minutes.	Itinerancy.	Colportage.
Warsaw	$3 00	$	$ 7 05
Natmore Creek Chapel	2 00		
Lebanon	5 05		23 75
Kinston	3 00		17 00
Bethel,	3 50		15 00
Hallsville,	2 50	2 50	3 00
Beulah,	2 30	17 50	
Falling Creek,	2 00		
Mt. Gilead	3 00		
New Hope,	3 50		7 60
Corinth,	2 75	10 00	
Moore's Creek,	3 55		29 00
Rowan,	2 75		
Union Chapel,	3 00		10 90
Piney Grove,	2 75	10 45	
Lisbon,	2 25		
Thunder Swamp,	2 25		
Riley's Creek,	3 00		9 00
Boykin's Chapel,	4 35		10 00
Shiloh,	2 95		
Well's Chapel,	5 40		21 00
Berea,	2 00		
Beaverdam,	3 00		3 00
Kenansville,	3 20	15 50	7 50
Johnson's M. H.,	3 05	18 50	
Wooten,	1 00		
Clinton,	2 00		12 00
Concord,	3 70	6 90	
Mt. Holly,	4 30		20 85
Brown's M. H.,	3 50		
Bear Marsh,	4 70	20 00	
Marshall's M. H.,	2 00	3 25	
Haw Bluff Chapel,	1 50		
Chinquepin,	1 00		
Bethlehem,	2 50	6 90	6 90
Union (Lenoir County,)	3 00	12 50	
	$105 30	$124 00	$203 55

DONATIONS.

Elder Jessup	$20 00
Soldiers at Rockfish	7 20
Dr. S. S. Satchwell	2 20
J. M. Moore	2 00
R. Newton	7 00
	$ 38 40
Minutes	105 30
Itineracy	124 00
Colportage	203 55
Total fund	$471 25

CREDIT.

By order of B. Oliver, Chairman of Ex. Com., paid Elder J. H. Yarboro, for Colportage	$ 45 55
Do Elder Jessup, for Itineracy	62 50
Do Brother J. R. Oliver "	48 00
Do " L. F. Williams "	15 00
Do " W. M. Kennedy, Colportage	16 75
	$187 80

(H.)

OBITUARIES.

The Committee upon Obituaries have the painful duty to report the death of our beloved brother, George W. Wallace, which occurred about the 7th of January last, in the 52nd year of his age. He was born in Pitt County, N. C., on the 28th day of August, 1809. He made a profession of religion in early life, and commenced preaching in the 18th year of his age, under the most discouraging circumstances; being almost destitute of education—for it was with difficulty that he could read his hymns and texts, and withal met with a stubborn opposition from his parents, who were Methodists, and opposed to his connection with the Baptists. However, this opposition soon gave way, after he entered upon the work. Success attended his labors to a remarkable extent, and his devotion for the salvation of souls soon gained for him the respect and confidence of the churches and people where he labored.

Many revivals of religion took place under his ministry,

and he remarked, a short time before his death, to one of his friends, that he had baptized over two thousand persons, nearly all of whom professed conversion under his ministry. His zeal and success were periodical. At times, he seemed to forget he had any earthly interest to look after, and during these seasons he accomplished much, and witnessed all the success of his ministry. Then a relapse would follow, marked by a coldness which was painful to his friends, the cause of which is unknown to this day.—At times his manners were cold and repulsive and at other times social and agreeable.

He was gifted by nature with a great and comprehensive mind, which enabled him soon to acquire a respectable stock of information—and made him useful, in many ways, to the churches and society at large.

He presided, as Moderator of the Union Association, for several years, with marked ability and dignity. Possessing liberal views, he was the friend and patron of the benevolent institutions of the day, and contributed largely, for a man of his means, to the furtherance of their objects.

He seemed never to care or desire to have the assistance of his brother preachers, consequently his work was performed mostly alone; and yet, when they visited him, during his meetings, he seemed glad to see them and was kind.

During his last illness, which terminated in his death, at his residence, in Duplin County, he expressed strong confidence of his personal salvation, and, to one of his friends, said he was willing to die at any moment.

Thus a man of great mental and physical ability has passed away, and a minister who has left many to mourn his death—for he had many friends.

Your Committee have further to record the loss, by death, of several of our prominent lay members, during the past year.

The church, at Mount Holly, mourns the loss of Deacon Hardy Croom. Riley's Creek has sustained a great loss in the death of brother A. M. Lamb; while Moore's Creek laments the fall of one of her most valued and useful members, in the person of Dr. Wm. H. Moore. These were all useful and devoted Christians, whose places we despair of seeing soon filled.

LIEUT. COL. FRANK J. FAISON.

The subject of this brief sketch was too widely and intimately known in this Association to need a detailed account of his life. At the beginning of the present war, he was deeply impressed with his duty to his country, and joined the army immediately after the fall of Fort Sumter. He was made Captain of the first company which left his native county, (Sampson.) This company was ordered to Fort Johnson immediately after organization, and made a constituent part of the 20th Regiment which was soon afterwards formed. Of this Regiment Captain Faison was elected Lieutenant Colonel. The Regiment having been confined for twelve months to the monotonous duties of Forts Johnson and Caswell, sought more active service, and in June, 1862, it was ordered to Virginia.

In two weeks from the arrival in Richmond it was called to meet the enemy—a privilege which both officers and men had long desired. On the 27th June on the field at Cold Harbor, memorable because among the bloodiest of the war, the Regiment was ordered to charge a battery of six guns. An eye-witness says no charge was ever more gallantly made. In this its first engagement, the Regiment moved forward, despite the desolating fire of the battery, with the steadiness of Regulars. The order was executed—the battery taken—the Confederate standard planted in triumph upon the hostile guns. But being unsupported, and overpowered by numbers, the Regiment was compelled to retire, and yield the trophy so dearly bought.

Early in the action the Colonel was wounded and retired from the field. The command of the Regiment thus devolved on the Lieutenant Colonel. Leading the charge, he was first to reach the battery, and while attempting to turn one of the guns upon the enemy, received a mortal wound. Thus amidst the exultations of his first triumph was he stricken down. Walking to the wood which skirted the bloody field, he sought a place of comparative repose, where he might die. One of his Lieutenants sought him out and ministered the meagre comforts which were afforded. He then said to the Lieutenant, "I shall soon die. I have nothing to regret, but leaving my loved family. Take my sword to my wife, and tell her, I died satisfied. Go

now to your Regiment where you are much needed." Thus when none but God was nigh, he offered his life freely as a sacrifice as to his country's cause.

The military career of Col. Faison was brief but brilliant. He died as only a brave man, and a christian soldier can die.

In 1858 Col. Faison served his county in the House of Commons of the State Legislature. As a politician, his course was marked by candor, and conscientious fidelity to his constituents, and in this sphere he leaves many warm and admiring friends. But particularly in his private life is his character to be admired. For several years he had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church. And his genial nature, affable manner, and constant christian charity, endeared him lastingly to all who knew him. In this brief sketch we record not the merits ; but the death only, of a patriot, a christian gentleman, a *true man.*

CONSTITUTION

GF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER THE — A. D., 1862.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Union Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in cases of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps to their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings, and to the Treasurer of the Association of the sums received and disbursed.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon and also a missionary sermon.

ART. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At each assembling for the transaction of business, the presiding officer (or in his absence the Secretary) shall invite the members to their appropriate places, and a chairman, pro tem, shall be appointed. Then the meeting shall be opened with reading the Scriptures. praise and prayer, either by him or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

2. The presiding officer shall, as far as in him lies, maintain a strict conformity to the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association, in the nature, manner and spirit of the business transacted. He shall appoint committees, decide questions of order, and give his views on any point under discussion after others are done speaking.

3. The names of the delegates shall be called each day of the session, previous to proceeding to business, and the Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

4. The members shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those that reverence God, whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate or make remarks, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer; shall confine himself to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

5. When a motion is made without a second, it shall not receive attention; but if seconded it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or if in writing shall be read by the Secretary before debate.

6. After a motion is stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, previous to a discussion.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion or proposition shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

8. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

9. When a subject is presented, and is promptly opposed by any member, it shall be admitted to consideration by a vote of the Association.

10. No member shall absent himself from the meeting of the Association unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association, by a vote of a majority of the delegates present.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privilege of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which, when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

Table No. 1.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
1	Wilmington,*	New Hanover,	Not represented,								235	173	408
2	Mt. Holly,	"	Laban Carroll,	1					3	3	102	36	138
3	Moore's Creek,	"	N. R. Croom,		1			1		5	85	58	143
4	Bethlehem,	"	Represented by letter,	1						5	79	12	91
5	Marshall's M. H.,	"	Letter—No delegate,	2					2	1	37	40	77
6	Lebanon,	"	S. J. Faison, C. B. Corbett,		1			1		2	42	56	98
7	Well's Chapel,	"	L. Highsmith, D. M. Page,	1					1	6	99	57	156
8	Riley's Creek,	"	H. E. Carr,	1				1	1	4	82	22	104
9	Shiloh,	"	D. P. Bland,		2	1		1		1	82	25	107
10	Bethel,	Sampson,	O. M. Matthews, W. Fryar,							2	52	17	69
11	Lisbon,	"	R. Herring, H. Herring, D. S. Matthews,								53	19	72
12	Mt. Gilead,	"	J. Vann, S. Peterson, D. Boney,						1		89	24	113
13	New Hope,	"	Isham Royal, A. J. Daniel, H. E. Smith,					1	2	4	117	35	152
14	Boykin's Chapel,	"	H. McAlpin, H. J. Hobbs, J. L. Boykin,		1			1	3	3			216
15	White Oak,	"	L. Riche, J. Herring,	33						1	99	28	127
16	Corinth,*	"	Not represented,										52
17	Brown's M. H.,	"	Arthur Brown,						2	3	33	44	77
18	Beulah,	"	L. F. Williams, B. F. Marable, A. M. Faison,		1					5	58	106	164
19	Piney Grove,	"	A. J. Emerson, Alworth King,					1	1	4	132	20	152
20	Rowan,	"	N. N. Chesnutt,						1	2	75	37	112
21	Clinton.*	"	G. Clute, C. P. Johnson,		2		1				30	12	42
22	Canaan,*	"	Not represented,								23	6	29
23	Mt. Zion,*	Bladen,	Not represented,										83
24	French's Creek,*	"	Not represented,							1	48	6	54
25	Haw Bluff Chapel,	"	Letter—No delegate,								36		36

26 Thunder Swamp,	Wayne,	A: Flowers, Jr.,				1	4	1	10	73	34	107
27 Falling Creek,	"	Letter—No delegate,								30	19	49
28 Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B. Oliver, J. R. Oliver,						2	4	133	144	277
29 Warsaw,	"	W. B. Jones,	1	1					2	80	12	92
30 Johnson's M. H.,	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best,					1	3		127	172	299
31 Kenansville,	"	G. A. Newell, D. J. Middleton, J. N. Stallings,	6	2	2	3	3	3	2	51	96	147
32 Beaverdam,	"	G. W. Carroll,	3	1			3	4	2	102	38	140
33 Concord,	"	M. J. Taylor, W. Brice,						1	2	65	42	107
34 Berea,	"	Letter—No delegate,	4		1		1		11	113	60	173
35 Island Creek,*	"	Not represented,								116	13	129
36 Limeston,	"	Letter—No delegate,			2		1	5		138	90	228
37 Corinth,	"	Letter—No delegate,			1				2	53	8	61
38 Smith's Chapel,*	"	Not represented,								8	20	28
39 Antioch,*	"	Not represented,								14	2	16
40 Prospect,*	"	Not represented,								12		12
41 Chinquepin,	"	Letter—No delegate,								18		18
42 Piney Grove,	Jones,	Not represented,										52
43 Newbern,	Craven,	Not represented,								91	4	95
44 Brice's Creek,	"	Not represented,										
45 Fort Barnwell,	"	Not represented,										
46 Beaufort,	Carteret,	Not represented,										
47 Smyrna,	"	Not represented,										
48 Woodville,	"	Not represented,										
49 Kinston,	Lenoir,	N. Askew,							1	26	15	41
50 Woodenton,	"	Letter—No delegate,								17		17
51 Union,	"	Letter—No delegate,							3	21	23	44
52 Washington,*	Beaufort,	Not represented,								29	55	84
53 Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J. M. Wooten,	4							35	1	36
54 Natmore Creek Chapel,	Bladen,	Letter—No delegate,								8		8
			60	12	7	5	20	35	91	3048	1681	5132

NOTE.—The Statistics of the Church marked thus * are taken from last year's minutes.

Table No. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND HIS P. OFFICE.	CH. CLERK AND HIS P. O.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Wilmington,			
Mt Holly,	Elder W M Kennedy, Warsaw,	B Carroll, Sills Creek,	Reports coldness.
Moore's Creek,	Elder A P Repiton, Wilmington,	O Alderman, Moore's Creek,	Flourishing S School, well attended.
Bethlehem,	" L F Williams, Clinton,	J W Pridgen, Caintuck,	Healthy condition,
Marshall's M H,	" L F Williams, "	D J Corbet, "	Nothing of interest reported,
Lebanon,	" B F Marable, Clinton,	S J Faison, Harrell's Store,	Healthy condition.
Well's Chapel,	" W M Kennedy, Warsaw,	J T Newton, "	Regular P. Meetings, and well attended.
Riley's Creek,	" W M Kennedy, "	H E Carr, Villa Bery,	Nothing interesting,
Shiloh,	" David Well's, Harrell's Store,	D P Bland,	Reports coldness, but at peace.
Bethel,	" David Wells, "	O M Matthews, Rockfish,	
Liston,	" A Guy, Warsaw,	R Herring, Herringsville,	Reports coldness.
Mt Gilead,	" H McAlpin, Clinton,	James Vann, Jr, Taylor's Bridge,	Requests prayers for country.
New Hope,	" W B Jones, Warsaw,	J R Ezzell, Warsaw,	Nothing cheering—cold and lukewarm.
Boykin's Chapel,	" H McAlpin, Clinton,		Meetings well attended.
White Oak,	" G S Best, Warsaw,	N Watson, Clinton,	Large revival—lively interest.
Corinth (Sampson,)	No report,		
Brown's M H,	Elder W B Jones, Warsaw,	A Royal, Piney Grove,	Nothing of interest reported.
Beulah,	" A J Emerson, Clinton,	J M Mosely, Clinton,	Nothing of interest.
Piney Grove,	" A J Emerson, "	A King, Clinton,	Very liberal.
Rowan,	" G S Best, Warsaw,	T O Kelly, Clinton,	Prayer for peace.
Clinton,	" A J Emerson, Clinton,	G Clute, Clinton,	Nothing of interest reported.
Canaan,	Not reported,		
Mt Zion,	Not reported,		
French's Creek,			
Haw Bluff Chapel,	Elder L F Williams, Clinton,	G W Russ,	Healthy condition.
Thunder Swamp,		W Vernon, Mt Olive,	Lost several mem. by sword of the enemy.
Falling Creek,	A Flowers, (licentiate,)	K Cogdell,	Nothing of interest reported.
Bear Marsh,	Eld J N Stallings, Kenansville,	J R Oliver, Mt Olive,	Weekly P. Meetings—few attend them.
Warsaw,	" A Guy, Warsaw,	J B Southerland, Warsaw,	Nothing of interest reported.
Johnson's M H,	" G S Best, Warsaw,	W R Bell, Warsaw,	At peace and in fellowship,

Kenansville,	Elder J N Stallings, Kenansville,	G A Newall, Kenansville,	Nothing of interest reported.
Beaverdam,	" A Guy, Warsaw,	G W Carroll, Kenansville,	No changes reported.
Concord,	" W M Kennedy, Warsaw,	J W Taylor, Magnolia,	Reports coldness.
Berea,	" A Guy, Warsaw,	H Murray, Teachy's Depot,	Lost eleven members by death.
Island Creek,	Not reported,		
Limestone,	Elder J N Stallings, Kenansville,	J T Carroll, Kenansville,	Congregations small.
Corinth,	" David Wells, Harrell's Store,	W B Wells, Magnolia,	Reports coldness,
Smith's Chapel,	Not reported,		
Antioch,	No report,		
Prospect,	No report,		
Chinquepin,	Elder B F Jessup,	H G Maxwell,	
Piney Grove, (Jones,)	No report,		
Newbern,	No report,		
Brice's Creek,	No report,		
Fort Barnwell,	No report,		
Beaufort,	No report,		
Smyrna.	No report,		
Woodville,			
Kinston,	Elder L Thorne, Kinston,	P Hardee, Kinston,	Nothing of interest reported.
Woodenton,	" E A Best,	W Grady,	Healthy condition—Pastor in the army.
Union,	" E A Best,	W A Croom,	Reports coldness.
Washington,	No report,		
Union Chapel,	Elder J N Stallings, Kenansville,	J M Wooten, Catharine Lake,	Lively interest.
Natmore C'k Chapel,	L F Williams, Clinton,	A J Blizzard,	Newly organized Church.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Proceedings.

Beulah, Sampson County, N. C., }
Tuesday, October 6th, 1863. }

The Introducy Sermon was preached by Elder Kennedy, from 122 Psalms, 1st verse.

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, brother S. J. Faison.

Religious exercises conducted and prayer offered by Elder L. F. Williams.

The list of churches was called—a majority being represented, proceeded to organize. Elder J. N. Stallings, and bro. G. A. Nowell were appointed Assistant Clerks; and brethren Owen Fennell, Sr., Lewis Highsmith and A. Royal, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Letters from the churches called for and read.

The letters from Bethel, and a letter and protest from the minority of Thunder Swamp laid on the table.

Letters from Clinton and Chinquepin referred to Executive Committee.

Letter from Bear Marsh laid on the table.

That portion of the letter from Beaver Dam relating to Army Colportage referred to N. B. Cobb.

A letter was read from the 61st and 51st Regiment, N. C. T., in Gen. Clingman's Brigade, giving an account of their trials, and asking the Association to set apart a short space of time for prayers in their behalf, and laid on the table. The letter contained $58 sent up for the different objects of the Association.

Proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren O. Alderman and J. D. Carroll were appointed tellers, for the election of Moderator; Joel Hines and Laban Carroll for the election of Clerk; J. M. Millard and R. F. Boykin for the election of Treasurer. Result: Solomon J. Faison re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal re-elected Clerk; A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer.

The Pastors and Deacons of the church and J. M. Mosely and O. Alderman were appointed Committee on Religious Exercises.

That portion of the letter from Gen. Clingman's Brigade, asking an interest in our prayers, referred to Committee on Religious Exercises.

The letter was then referred to a select Committee, consisting of B. Oliver and Elders McAlpin and Marable, to give such response as they think proper.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to inquire how many of our churches are destitute of Pastors, what are the leading causes and what remedies can be applied, and report to this meeting as soon as practicable. Committee J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy and J. M. Wooten.

Committee on Religious Exercises report the following, viz:

Devote one hour in the morning to special prayer, for soldiers in defence of our country; 10 o'clock Elder Marable to preach Missionary Sermon; 2 o'clock preaching by Elder Stallings.

Elder G. S. Best appointed to conduct religious exercises in the morning.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Stallings.

Benediction by Elder McAlpin.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7th, 1863.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder G. S. Best.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting and Corresponding brethren invited to seats, and to participate in the deliberation.

Elder J. L. Carroll announced himself, as corresponding delegate from Beulah Association; Elder J. D. Hufham from Central Association; Elder G. W. Camp from Pamlico Association.

Committee appointed last session to consider the propriety of supporting a beneficiary at Wake Forest College reported. Reported adopted. (See appendix A.)

Executive Committee reported. Reported adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Pending the adoption of the report interesting and pertinent remarks were made by B. Oliver, N. Askew and several others.

Elder C. P. Bogart announced himself as a visiting brother from Chowan Association; Elders Gold, Albritton and

C. J. Nelson announced themselves as corresponding delegates from the Pamlico Association; Elder N. B. Cobb as Superintendent of Army Colportage.

11 o'clock called off to hear Missionary Sermon.

Elder Marable preached to a large and attentive congregation, from Matthew 6: 10; after which a collection was taken up, for the Itineracy amounting to $122 20.

Re-assembled. Letter from Falling Creek read.

Letter from Minority at Thunder Swamp offered, which with the letter and protest from the minority, was referred to Committee, consisting of Elders McAlpin, Marable and Stallings. Letter from Lisbon read.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Army Colportage—Elders N. B. Cobb, E. A. Best and A. Royal.

To nominate Executive Committee—F. B. Millard, J. Vann and A. M. Faison.

On Obituaries—J. D. Hufham, H. McAlpin, B. Oliver and W. M. Kennedy.

To nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School—G. A. Newell, J. M. Millard and J. R. Oliver.

On Letter from Bear Marsh—B. Oliver, E. A. Best and C. J. Nelson.

On Education—J. G. Dickson, A. M. Faison and J. D. Carroll.

On Biblical Recorder—J. L. Carroll, C. D. Ellis and G. R. French.

On State of the Country—J. P. Faison, J. L. Carroll and L. F. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—W. M. Kennedy, C. P. Moore and J. M. Millard.

To audit account of Treasurer—G. R. French and C. P. Moore.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay to Treasurer of Executive Committee all the funds in his hands for the object of the Committee.

On motion, Treasurer of Executive Committee instructed to pay N. B. Cobb, all the funds specified for Army Colportage.

Report of Trustees of Warsaw High School being called for, they handed in a report from the Principal of the School, which was read and referred to a Committee, consisting of J. P. Faison, J. R. Ezzell and D. J. Middleton.

Committee appointed last annual session to revise rules of order, reported. Report adopted. (See Rules of Order.)

Report of Committee on *Biblical Recorder* read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Pending the adoption of the report a collection was made to send *Recorder* to soldiers. Amount collected $145.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported the following, viz: C. D. Ellis, B. Oliver, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, Lewis Highsmith, James H. Stevens and Laban Carroll.

F. B. MILLARD, Chm'n.

Report of Committee on Church Destitution read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix L.)

Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: 9 o'clock, Association met and spent half an hour in prayer for our country; 10 o'clock, Denominational Sermon by Elder J. D. Hufham; 2 o'clock, preaching by Elder J. L. Carroll.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Marable.

Benediction by Elder McAlpin.

THURSDAY, Oct. 8, 1863.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises by Elder Bogart.

Prayer by Elders Gold and Kennedy.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted.—(See Appendix F.)

On motion, J. M. Millard, A. Royal and H. E. Carr were appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted. (See Appendix O.)

Report of Committee on Letter from Bear Marsh read and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

On motion, the letter from Bethel, requesting this body to appoint a Presbytery, to examine Bro. O. M. Matthews,

and ordain to the Gospel Ministry, if found worthy, was referred back to the church.

Report of Committee on State of the Country read and referred to a committee to examine, modify and report to the next annual session—Committee Elders McAlpin and Stallings and brethren Faison and B. Oliver.

On motion, the Executive Committee were requested to receive money, and employ ministers of our Association to go as Missionaries to the Army, and apportion their labors as best they can.

The following amounts were collected for Army Missions: H. E. Carr, $10 00; G. Flowers, 1 00; D. J. Middleton, 20 00; Laban Carroll, 10 00; B. Oliver, 20 00; J. H. Stevens, 20 00; J. D. Carroll, 10 00; C. P. Moore, 5 00; J. G. Dickson, 5 00; Owen Fennell, 5 00; Robert Wallace, 2 00; D. N. Bunting, 2 00; Joseph Herring, 1 00; J. W. Blount, 1 00; David Southerland, 1 00; F. R. Underwood, 5 00; Jacob Best, 1 00; B. F. Marable, 5 00; Cash, 7 00; Joseph Boone, 2 00; G. S. Best, 5 00; H. E. Smith, 10 00; R. E. Hines, 5 00; J. M. Millard, 1 00; James Vann, Jr., 5 00; Kedar Vann, 5 00; L. Highsmith, 10 00; Jonathan Pearson, 2 00; H. Murray, 5 00; J. P. Faison, 5 00; A. Royal, 5 00; M. L. Royal, 2 00: G. W. Marsh, 5 00; R. J. Johnson 5 00; H. Stevens, 5 00; C. P. Johnson, 10 00; John Caldwell, 5 00; G. R. French, 10 00; J. M. Wooten, 5 00; D. K. Kornegay, 5 00; A. M. Faison, 10 00; J. B. Southerland, 2 00; M. J. Hines, 5 00; M. Chesnutt, 1 00; Harriett Caldwell, 1 00; Mrs. Stevenson, 5 00; Carrie Ashford, 5 00; Mrs. J. H. Stevens, 5 00; Mrs. J. M. Millard, 1 00; Mrs Ann Herring, 2 50; Miss Dollie Ashford, 2 50; Mrs. W. H. Herring, 20 00; Miss. M. J. Newell for Kenansville Church, 10 00. Amount collected $352 00.

The following amounts were pledged: Eliza Brown, $82 00; J. T. Bland, 5 00; C. P. Bogart, 5 00; J. M. Crumler, 5 00.

Called off half an hour.

Re-assembled.

Report of Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention read and adopted. (See Appendix M.)

Committee to prepare a response to the communicati n for the brethren and friends of the 51st and 61st Regimen N. C. T., reported.

Clerk ordered to forward response.

Report of the committee, on the letter from the majority,

and the protest and letter from the minority of the church at Thunder Swamp read, and after lengthy discussion adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Committee on report from Warsaw High School, recommended the adoption of the report. Concurred in. (See Appendix I.)

Report of Committee on Army Colportage read and adopted. (See Appendix K.)

On motion, Committee on Obituaries allowed further time to report, and have the report appended to minutes. (See Appendix N.)

Elder J. N. Stallings handed in $12 10, intended to have been sent up to last session from Island Creek for Army Colportage.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

As the amount of business that comes before this body, cannot be properly attended to in three days. Therefore,

Resolved, That at our next session, we will continue from Tuesday until Friday, that the business may be more properly attended to.

Resolved, That any brother who shall attend any Association, with which we correspond, shall act as delegate, and represent our Associa ion in said bodies.

Elder G. S. Best was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next annual session—Elder E. A. Best alternate.

Elder J. D. Hufham appointed to preach Denominal Sermon—Elder W. M. Kennedy alternate.

Elder J. N. Stallings to preach Missionary Sermon—Elder L. F. Williams alternate.

On motion the location of next session of Association referred to Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates and visitors are due and hereby tendered to the friends and brethren and good sisters of this neighborhood, for their untiring efforts in making us comfortable while with them.

On motion, the Clerk allowed $30 for his services, also postage and freight on minutes.

Moved that the Clerk have 1000 copies of the minutes printed for distribution.

Treasurer of Union Relief Society handed in his report. Adopted. (See Appendix P.)

Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted. (See Appendix Q.)

The constitution amended as follows:

The words "and to the Treasurer of the Association of the

sums received and disbursed" were struck out from the last part of the 9th Article.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Thursday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1864, at such place as may be selected.

Prayer by Elder McAlpin.

Benediction by Elder Askew.

SOLOMON J. FAISON, Mod'r.

Isham Royal, Clerk.

P. S.—Since the adjournment of the Association, the Executive Committee have consented to hold the next annual session at Boykin's Chapel, in Sampson County.

CLERK.

Appendix.

A.

To Union Association:—Your committee, appointed at last session, of the Association to consider the propriety of sustaining a beneficiary at Wake Forest College, and to propose plans for raising the necessary funds, have considered the matter and find that it is entirely out of the power of the Association to do anything at present, as the operations of the College are suspended. We also report, that we do not consider it expedient, at this time and state of the country, to assume new responsibilities; we therefore recommend that the subject be dropped at least for the present.

COMMITTEE.

B.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee report, that they have had in their employ, during the past year, Elders J. R. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, L. F. Williams, H. McAlpin and W. M. Kennedy; the first as an itinerant, the others as supplies, for some of our weak churches. Bro. Oliver has traveled in the destitution during the year a considerable portion of the time, having preached at Prospect, Salem, Smith's Chapel, Christian Chapel, Meadow and Pasture Branch. These points are all in Duplin county, except Christian Chapel, which is in Lenoir. He reports great destitution in his field and some encouragement, though he has not yet baptized any.

Prospect is an old church and very weak, both in numbers and means. There is good material here, if it please God to convert them, to build up a church and the prospect is tolerably good. Some of the non-professors in the neighborhood have just organized a Bible class.

In the neighborhood of Salem, a young lady, a non-professor, has commenced a Sabbath School. Christian Chapel was formerly occupied by the Campbellites; but they have

not preached there for some years, and the church has become extinct. This point is a very encouraging one, the material here is good and the people are anxious for preaching.

Upon the whole Elder Oliver reports encouragement in his field, and we cannot in view of the great destitution, too earnestly urge upon the churches, the importance of sustaining operations in the field.

Elder Stallings has preached once a month at Union Chapel. He reports good and attentive congregations. He has baptized one at this point.

Elder L. F. Williams has preached monthly, at Natmore Creek Chapel, on Cape Fear. He has baptized one and recommends the point to the liberal consideration of the churches.

By order of your body at its last session we employed Elders Kennedy and McAlpin to visit Fork Meeting House, in Sampson county, which they did, and after a full and fair trial, we have, at their recommendation, abandoned the attempt to do anything there.

The condition of our home field, is one which should arouse both ministers and churches, to an active zeal and liberality.

Several churches are without pastors and are stretching out their hands to ministers and churches for help. The dark and gloomy nooks and corners and all the vast extent of territory in our bounds, in which we have no churches, by their alarming destitution appeal to you for help. Let us earnestly ask our divine Master what he would have us to do? and whilst we are mindful of the claims of our noble soldiers upon us, let us not forget their mothers, wives, sisters and little ones. Let us sustain the ministers we have and earnestly pray for more until the glorious time shall come when our whole Association shall bloom and blossom like the rose.

In addition to the above laborers our brother, Elder Askew, has visited the destitution in Onslow county. He reports considerable encouragements at the points which he visited and to which he preached. He was kindly received and hopes that good was accomplished. Several expressed themselves desirous of baptism, though he baptized none.

The destitution in this country is amazing, there being very little preaching of any kind in the country, and we oc-

cupying but one point, Union Chapel church. We herewith submit the report of Elder Askew, for the information of your body.

Respectfully,

B. OLIVER, Chm'n.

C.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Believing the Biblical *Recorder* as conducted by the present able and worthy Editor, to be a potent instrumentality for good, therefore,

Resolved, That we the members of this body, do all we can to increase its circulation among the members and friends of our denomination, both at home and with the army.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CARROLL, Chm'n.

D.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS DESTITUTION OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee report the following churches destitute of preaching, viz: Marshall's Meeting House, Lebanon, Brown's Meeting House, Clinton, French's Creek, Smith's Chapel and Chinquepin.

All theses churches are outside the lines of the enemy; on those within we are unable to report. We believe the following to be the causes of said lack of ministerial labor.

1st. A want of christian effort on the part of some of these churches, in not using the means with which God has blessed them, to pay a Pastor, and a lack of means on the part of others.

2nd. A want of zeal on the part of some of our ministers, in not devoting as much of their time to preaching the word as God requires of them.

3rd. A want of effort in prayer, by the followers of Christ, for more laborers, in his moral vineyard. We therefore recommend earnest devote prayer, that God will supply our needs. Your committee further recommend, that those

churches which are destitute, to institute Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings, and comfort each other by a frequent assembling themselves together for God's worship. We further recommend that, these destitute churches, request churches near by, which have Pastors, to permit their ministers to preach for them, as many days as they can spare them; and that these destitute churches make every effort to procure Pastors, and at the same time to try to get ministers to preach for them, in the week. We also recommend our ministers to accept such calls.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

E.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions is somewhat at a loss to know what to report to your body. But from recent advices through the newspapers we see that there is now, or was a short time since, an opportunity, of sending funds to our Missionaries. As much as we have regretted the state of things, that has so entirely excluded us from those *dear* Missionaries, that are now laboring so faithfully for us in foreign lands, we now hail with delight the return of another opportunity through the mercies of an allwise Providence, of communicating with our dear brethren. We are sorry that we have so few statistics from which to draw a report, but our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude, to God for such cheering reports, from those dark and benighted lands. We would therefore recommend to our brethren to renew their efforts, in behalf of our Foreign Mission operations, and trust in a kind and merciful God to add his blessing to this good work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

F.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education report as follows:

Owing to the disturbed state of the country, we fear too many of our people are forgetting the strong bulwark of a nation's power, and are neglecting the education, mental and spiritual, of their children. We should attend to these things with more care; our children are those upon whom the hope of our nation depend.

We are glad to report Warsaw School in so flourishing a condition. We have reason to be thankful and return thanks to God, for his protecting care over our school, and prospering it so much. We therefore recommend the school to all persons, in search of a suitable place for their children to be educated. The condition of our country still prevents Wake Forest from again resuming its operations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DICKSON, Chm'n.

G.

REPORT ON ARMY MISSIONS.

The Committee, to whom was referred the letter from Bear Marsh, report the following: We deem it all important, that the Association put forth an earnest effort, to aid in the work of army missions. Under the circumstances we think a better plan might be adopted than that suggested by the Bear Marsh church. In order to send a permanent Missionary to the army we would have to deprive some of our churches of the services of a Pastor, which would increase the destitution that prevails already to a lamentable extent. The plan which we propose is embodied, in the following resolution:

Resolved, That our churches, or some of them, be earnestly requested to give up their Pastors, for one or two months, to labor as Missionaries to the army, themselves meanwhile continuing their salaries undiminished, and that the churches of the Association be requested to raise funds, sufficient to defray their necessary expenses, and give them fair compensation too for their services.

COMMITTEE.

H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS FROM THUNDER SWAMP.

The Committee to whom was referred the letters from Thunder Swamp church, submit the following:

We are satisfied from sufficient evidence, that for sometime past the church has been guilty of unpardonable disorder and therefore recommend,

1st. That it be expelled from the Association.

2nd. That the members recently excommunicated from that church, whose names are subscribed to a protest, now in your prossession, be regarded as a regular Baptist church, and admitted as a member of this Association.

3rd. That the members of the church thus received, be requested to use their best efforts to reclaim their disorderly brethren.

4. That the true christians among the rejected church be affectionately requested to unite with some church preserving gospel order, and co-operate with us in the service of Christ.

I.

REPORT FROM WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

WARSAW, N. C., Oct. 1863.

To the Trustees of the Warsaw High School:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Principal begs leave to submit the following report: The number of students in school the present session is ninety-one. Of this number fifty-seven are males and thirty-four are females.

Our expectations have been exceeded, and we take this occasion to return our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and friends for the patronage they have extended to the school. If the friends of the Institute will continue to send us their children, we will use all the means within our power to make it well worthy of patronage.

We have had the following difficulties to contend with:

First, We failed to secure the services of a music teacher, until the fifth week of the session.

Secondly, The old supply of books being nearly exhausted, it was somewhat difficult to procure enough text books of

one kind to form classes, but as we are now getting books, edited and published by Southern authors, we think this difficulty will soon be removed.

Lastly, We have been compelled to use the same building for a dwelling, boarding house and school purposes. We have also had but one school room. The male and female departments are both in the same room.

There should be two male teachers connected with the school. There ought to be at least, three rooms for schools purposes. Two or three teachers having recitations in the same rooms creates no little confusion.

To obviate these difficulties we would respectfully suggest that the friends of the Institute erect another building, sufficiently capacious for dwelling for the principal, and to accommodate all the boarders; to be built and controlled by a joint stock company, and the Principal be required to pay a rent sufficient to ensure to the stockholders, the annual interest of their stock, or more. The main building, could then be used exclusively for instruction, which would place the school on a more permanent basis. And with competent teachers the school could be made all that was originally designed for it to become.

The present session will close the 18th of December. The next session will commenced on the fourth Monday in January, 1864.

Asking an interest in your prayers for the success of the school, we remain.

Yours respectfully,

ISHAM ROYAL, Principal.

K.

REPORT ON ARMY COLPORTAGE AND MISSIONS.

A desolating war is still raging in our land. Large armies of our countrymen are gathered together for our defence. Since last we met many thousands of these have been hurried into untimely graves, from the terrible battle-field and the gloomy hospital; and many more are now sick and wounded in different hospitals in our land. These men are cut off from the religious privileges they were wont to enjoy and are calling loudly on us to send them the Gospel of the Son of God. Notwithstanding their great destitution, their eagerness to hear the preaching of the Gospel and the great encouragement ministers of all classes are receiving to labor amongst them, many of them are without the word of God, and have not heard the preaching of a sermon in more than twelve months. The N. C. Baptist Board of Missions have sent out at different times since November last, twenty Missionaries and Colporteurs, and now have eighteen under appointment for different fields viz: one for Wilmington; one for Raleigh; one for Kinston; one for Goldsboro; one for Charleston; three for East Tennessee; and the rest for the army in Virginia. They have sent out over 2,500 Bibles and Testaments, and 3,000,000 pages of religious reading matter, but the destitution is not near supplied, and soldiers are continually writing home, inquiring where are all the North Carolina preachers, and why they do not come out to preach for them? More than one third of the N. C. Regiments are without Chaplains, and are solely dependent upon the preaching of visiting ministers, for the religious instruction they receive.

Your Committee would earnestly request the pastors of this Association, to spend one or two months in the army, under the direction of the N. C. Baptist Board of Missions at Goldsboro, and the churches to make liberal contributions, to defray their necessary expenses while so laboring. The field is white for the harvest. Since the battle of Gettysburg over one thousand soldiers in Lee's army have professed conversion, and two thousand more are publicly seeking the pardon of their sins. Brethren let us go up at once to their help.

COMMITTEE.

L.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Warsaw High School report as follows:

B. Oliver,	H. E. Carr,	A. W. Carlton,
J. D. Carroll,	J. M. Moseley,	Lewis Carroll,
J. N. Stallings,	S. J. Faison,	J. W. Swinson,
O. Alderman,	J. R. Ezzell,	L. Highsmith,
J. M. Wooten,	W. H. Smith,	G. S. Best,
Joel Hines,	D. K. Kornegay,	G. W. Carroll,
A. Royal,	F. B. Millard,	J. P. Faison,
J. T. Moore,	H. McAlpin,	A. Guy,
D. J. Middleton,	J. H. Stevens,	A. M. Faison,
O. M. Matthews,	A. Brown,	J. R. Oliver.

G. A. NEWELL, Chm'n.

M.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention submit the following:

H. McAlpin, J. N. Stallings, J. R. Oliver, A. Guy, G. W. Huffham, B. Oliver, Laban Carroll, Owen Fennell, Sr., Allen W. Blackburn, J. R. Ezzell, A. Brown, G. W. Marsh, J. M. Wooten, A. Royal, G. A. Newell, David Wells, L. F. Williams, J. P. Faison, W. M. Kennedy, N. Askew, G. S. Best, O. M. Matthews, C. D. Ellis, O. Alderman, Joel Hines, John Vawn, Blackman Cumpler, Alworth King, M. J. Taylor, A. M. Faison, Henry Stevens, Joel Loftin, Thos. O. Kelly.

J. M. MILLARD, Chm'n.

N.

OBITUARY.

ELDER J. L. PRICHARD.

Soon after the last session of this body, the sad intelligence reached us that Elder J. L. Prichard was dead. Your committee submit the following sketch of one deeply loved while living, deeply lamented now dead:

He was born of poor but respectable parents, in Camden county, N. C., about the year 1810, and, after the usual preparatory training, entered on the business of real life as a carpenter. This first choice of a profession seems to have been indicative of his character, and

prophetic of his subsequent career. He was, through life, emphatically a *builder*, both spirtually and in the ordinary acceptation of the term, as his labors abundantly show. His last, fondly cherished enterpise, which he did not live to see completed, was the construction of an elegant and commodious house of worship for his church in Wilmington.

Having made a profession of religion and his thoughts being directed to the ministry, he abandoned his secular employment, entered W. F. College as a student, and was one of the earliest graduates of that institution. In going to college, he encountered difficulties and trials, such as would have discouraged a man of different mould; but his was not a spirit to quail before opposition, or yield to despondency in the presence of obstacles. College life is a trying ordeal to the young christian, and often exerts a deleterious influence on his religious character, but Elder P. passed through it unscathed. The same scrupulous conscientiousness, indefatigable industry and earnest piety that crowned his later years with such abundant success, marked his career as a student. Few men have been able by the consistency of their christian character, at this period of their lives, to win for themselves the confidence both of their companions and of their instructors, to the extent that the subject of this notice commanded.

Soon after the completion of his College course, he located in Murfreesboro, N. C., where he engaged in teaching school; but his health failing, he removed to Milton, N. C., and soon afterwards to Danville, Va. In the latter place he spent several of the most laborious, but pleasant and fruitful years of his life. His influence was felt, not only in the churches which he served, but throughout the whole Association, in which he soon became a leading spirit, and which he aided materially in bringing from listnessness and indifference, on the one hand, or, on the other, of open opposition to the cause of Missions, to a high degree of liberality and efficiency.

From Danville he removed to Lynchburg, where he spent several years in the earnest prosecution of his pastoral labors, and where the blessing of God still attended him.

About eight years ago he received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Wilmington N. C., and soon afterwards removed to that place. Of his labors there it is needless for us to speak. How earnest, arduous and incessant they were, is well known to the Baptists of the State.

Soon after he removed to Wilmington he was deeply impressed with the importance of having a larger and more commodious house of worship and in a different locality. With him, to think was to act; and having arranged his plans, he directed his energies to the accomplishment of his cherished enterprise. It was slowly, but steadily advancing towards completion, when the commencement of the present war rendered its suspension necessary.

When the yellow fever broke out in Wilmington, he was urged by some of his friends to leave the place until the epidemic should have subsided; but this was incompatible with his views of duty to his flock, and he therefore remained. While faithfully ministering to the sick and suffering, the heavy hand of the destroyer was laid upon him. An attack of the fever, from which he seemed to have recovered, left his system so prostrated, that after lingering for a few weeks, he died on the 13th of November, of a complication of diseases. During his illness, he suffered intensely, but he retained his consciousness to the last, and manifested under all his trials and sufferings, that faith and resignation which had so beautifully characterized the whole of his christian life.

His death has carried sadness to many a heart, for he was extensively known and loved, not only here at home, but in other States. His excellencies as a man and a christian minister won for him many friends, wherever he was known. In evidence of the estimation in which he was held in his native State, we may mention that special prayer for his recovery was offered by the Baptist State Convention during its recent session.

As an expounder of Divine truth he stood high. His sermons were carefully prepared, and delivered in the earnest and forcible manner characteristic of the man. They were plain, pointed, and practical, and free from the tinselry of rhetoric, and those extraneous ornaments which often give a preacher notoriety, and please without edifying his hearers. Not only so, they were full of the marrow of the Gospel. Its great doctrines he explained and enforced in a manner which secured the steady growth and prosperity of the churches wherever he labored. His earnestness, candor, and fearlessness led him to rebuke sin, whether in church members or others, plainly and forcibly, and wherever occasion required, to defend the peculiar doctrines and practices of the Baptists in like manner; but his uniform courtesy and kindness of spirit generally shielded him from enmity.

As a pastor he had few superiors. His knowledge of human nature, his suavity of manner, his strong affections and active sympathies, and his untiring industry, all sanctified by redeeming grace, and disciplined by afflictions, peculiarly fitted him to shine in this sphere. In the house of mourning, and at the bedside of the sick, he was ever a welcome visiter. In training the members of his flock to diligence in the discharge of christian duty, and liberality in giving to benevolent enterprises, he was eminently successful. In both these respects, particularly the latter, he taught, not only by precept, but by example. Rigidly economical in his personal and household expenditures, he yet had something to contribute to every object of christian beneficence.

It need hardly be said that he was an ardent and active friend to all our leading denominational enterprises, and aided them, not only

by his contributions of money, but by his personal co operation. He never, unless unavoidably prevented, failed to attend the sessions of the religious bodies with which he was connected. After his removal to North Carolina, we do not remember to have missed him from a single session of this Association, of which he was a member, or of the Baptist State Convention, save one and then the hand of death was on him. A member of the Board of Trustees of W. F. College, and of the Theological Seminary at Greenville, he was always in his place when it was practicable, and he was equally punctual in attending the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In his intercourse with his brethren of the ministry, he was generally kind, respectful and courteous. Young ministers who have been thrown with him will long remember these traits in his character. In the excitement of animated debate, he occasionally appeared discourteous and sometimes gave offence. But his frankness in making explanation, when convinced of his error, generally removed all ill feeling from the minds of those from whom he differed in opinion.

In the family, as a husband, father and master, he was a model. But it is not for us to speak of these things.

It is impossible for a man of so positive a character to avoid being misunderstood and, in some cases, disliked. That he had his defects of character, even his most partial friends will not deny, but it is not our purpose to "draw his frailties from their dread abode." A great and good man, one whose loss will be deeply felt, has fallen. Great in his purity of character and singleness of heart, in his lofty aims, in the energy with which he grappled and overcame opposition, and in the fearlessness with which he advocated the truth and combated error, he was useful, honored and loved while living and his death has created a void in his family, his church, and the circle of his friends which cannot be filled. Yet why should we weep for him?

"We sigh not when the sun, his course fulfilled,
His glorious course, rejoicing earth and sky,
In the soft evening, when the winds are stilled,
Sinks where his islands of refreshment lie,
And leaves the smile of his departure spread
O'er the warm colored heaven and ruddy mountain head.
Why weep we then for him, who, having run
The bound of man's appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues, yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the sun is set."

J. D. HUFHAM, Chm'n.

O.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	FUNDS.				
	Minutes.	Itinerancy.	Army Col-portage.	Army Col-portage. for soldiers.	To buy Testaments for soldiers.
Wilmington,	$15 00	$ 188 00	$ 16 55		
Mt. Holly,	10 00		37 35		
Moore's Creek,	11 00				
Bethlehem,	13 30				
Lebanon,	5 00		39 25		
Wells' Chapel,	11 20		63 40		
Riley's Creek,	6 00	20 00	40 00		
Shiloh,	4 50		28 00		
Bethel,	7 25				
Mt. Gilead,	5 00	10 00			
New Hope,	6 00				
Boykin's Chapel,	6 00	26 50			
White Oak,	9 00	33 75	43 60		
Corinth (Sampson.)	2 00	7 25			
Brown's M. H.,	3 00		9 00		
Beulah,	7 50	32 75	50 00		
Piney Grove,	5 30	5 25	51 75		10 00
Clinton,	2 00				
Canaan,	5 00				
Mt. Zion,	5 00				
Haw Bluff,	6 30		5 00		
Thunder Swamp,	5 00				
Capt. J. W. Taylor's Co.,			14 75		
Bear Marsh,	23 20				
Warsaw,	6 00	33 25			
Johnson's M. H.,	5 25	36 00			
Kenansville,	14 00	57 00	19 00		
Beaver Dam,	5 50		25 00		
Concord,	7 00		41 00		
Berea,	4 75				
Island Creek,	6 00				
Limestone,	6 00				
Corinth (Duplin,)	5 50		31 00		
Union,	6 00				
Prospect,	2 00				
Chinquepin,	3 00				
Kinston,	8 00				
Woodenton,	3 00				
Union Chapel,	5 00		60 45		
Nat More Creek,	3 00				
Clingman's Brigade,		15 00	19 00		
Falling Creek,	5 00				
Lisbon,	3 00				
	$271 55	$464 75	$596 10		$10 00

The committee ask leave to submit that the sum total of all the monies received as specified above, is $1342 40. Of this $25 was from Beaver Dam for Col-portage to 3rd N. C. Cavalry.

Which is respectfully submitted,

OWEN FENNELL,
AMOS ROYAL,
LEWIS HIGHSMITH. } Committee.

P.

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

1861.			In account with C. D. Ellis, Treasurer.		
October.			Amount from old account,.....		$679 85
1863.	March	31.	Cash from Sundry persons,.....	$33 00	
	May	31.	" " Warsaw, ...	63 00	
	"	31.	Interest from Marable & Hufham,.....	6 47	
	"	31.	" " " Ellis & Michell,.....	21 03	
	Aug.	1.	From Miss. Moore, $10; Brown, $10,.....	20 00	
	"	1.	From Sundries,.....	2 00	145 50
					$816 35

CONTRA.

1863.	Nov.		Cash paid sister Guy per order of President,		$20 00
			G. W. Hufham's Note,.....		57 75
1863.	June	1.	Deposit in Savings Bank,.....	$716 75	
	Aug.	1.	" " " "	22 00	738 75
					$816 50

CHARLES D. Ellis, Treasurer.

Oct, 6th 1863.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Monies received since November 1862.

For Army Colportage,	$141	25	
Association Fund,	105	30	
Itinerant Fund,	186	30	
Receipts from Treasurer of Executive Committee,	125	50	$558 35

Monies paid out.

Paid Rev. N. B. Cobb, for Army Col'tage,	$267	55	
" Per order of B. Oliver, Chairman of Executive Committee,	125	50	
Paid J. D. Hufham for Recorder,	13	50	
" J. D. Hufham for printing minutes,	117	00	
" I. Royal, Clerk,	15	00	
" J. Royal Postage and Express freight,	6	10	$544 20
Balance,			$14 15

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, of the Association, have performed the duties assigned them, and beg leave to report the statement submitted to them to be correct being substantiated by proper vouchers for monies expended.

GEO. R. FRENCH, Chm'n.

TABLE NO. I.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Experience.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
1 Wilmington,	New Hanover,	C. D. Ellis, G. R. French, A. Alderman,					1		17	225	165	390
2 Mt. Holly,	"	Laban Carroll,	3	1	1		1	1	2	99	39	138
3 Moore's Creek,	"	Owen Alderman, C. P. Moore,	72		4	1	3		4	77	46	123
4 Bethlehem,	"	Letter No delegate.	3	3		3	1		1	79	14	93
5 Marshall's M. H.,*	"	Not represented.								37	40	77
6 Lebanon,	"	Owen Fennell, Sr., S. J. Faison,					2		1	39	56	95
7 Well's Chapel,	"	L. Highsmith, J. T. Newton, B. Newkirk.	84	4	3		5	2	1	140	104	244
8 Riley's Creek,	"	Joel Hines, H. E. Carr,							3	78	25	103
9 Shiloh,	"	Jas. T. Bland, Wm. J. Herring,								76	21	97
10 Bethel,	Sampson,	O. M. Matthews,	12	1	1		2		2	62	20	82
11 Lisbon,	"	Letter—No delegate.							2	50	19	69
12 Mt. Gilead,	"	John Vann, Jas. Vann, Jr., J. Pearson,	1	1				2	4	89	23	112
13 New Hope,	"	A. J. Daniel, H. E. Smith,					3		1	113	35	148
14 Boykin's Chapel,	"	H. McAlpin, Kedar Vann, R. F. Boykin,	2		1		1	2	4			214
15 White Oak,	"	Joseph Herring, Jas. Crumpler,	1					1		99	27	126
16 Corinth,	"	Letter—No delegate.	11	4	1		2	1	4	53	6	59
17 Brown's M. H.,	"	A. Royal, A. Brown, W. P. Hobbs,						2	2	32	45	77
18 Beulah,	"	A. M. Faison, J. M. Millard, J. H. Stevens,								58	105	163
19 Piney Grove,	"	A. King, G. W. Hobbs, H. Stevens,	1	1					9	124	30	154
20 Rowan,*	"	Not represented.								75	37	112
21 Clinton,	"	G. W. Marsh,							2	23	12	35
22 Canaan,	"	F. R. Underwood,								22	7	29
23 Mt. Zion,	Bladen,	Letter—No delegate.								19	19	38
24 French's Creek,*	"	Not represented,								48	6	54
25 Haw Bluff,	"	Letter—No delegate,	2	2		1			1	40		40

26 Nat More Creek,	Bladen,	Letter—No delegate.		1	1									9
27 Mt. Olive,	Wayne,	Geo. Flowers, [illegible]. Norris,									19			19
28 Falling Creek,	"	Letter—No delegate.								1	28	19		47
29 Bear Marsh,	Duplin,	B. Oliver, J. G. Dickson, J. R. Oliver,		2	2	2		1	1	10	129	144		271
30 Warsaw,	"	B. Southerland, J. W. Best, I. Royal,			2				1	3	82	3		85
31 Johnson's M. H.,	"	W. M. Kennedy, G. S. Best, J. Best,		1				2	9	4	118	155		273
32 Kenansville,	"	J. N. Stallings, D. J. Middleton, G. A. Newell,		3	4	1			2	1	51	101		152
33 Beaverdam,	"	J. D. Carroll, G. W. Carroll,				2			3	5	97	23		120
34 Concord,	"	Wm Byrd, J. W. Taylor,						2		2	63	44		107
35 Berea,	"	H. Murray, D. H. Murray, R. J. Johnson,		1	1			2		2	63	44		107
36 Island Creek,	"	Robert Wallace,		6	1			3	3	1	111	53		166
37 Limeston,	"	David Southerland,								5	94	13		107
38 Corinth,	"	Joseph Boone,							1	3	133	90		225
39 Smith's Chapel,	"	Not represented,			1					3	51	10		61
40 Antioch,	"	Not represented,									8	20		28
41 Prospect,	"	Letter—No delegate,									14	2		16
42 Chinquepin,	"	Letter—No delegate,								1	12			12
43 Kinston,	Lenoir,	N. Askew,			1					1	18			18
44 Woodenton,	"	E. A. Best,									26	15		41
45 Union,	"	Letter—No delegate,									17			17
46 Union Chapel,	Onslow,	J. M. Wooten,									21	23		44
47 Piney Grove†	Jones,	Not represented,		1						1	37	1		38
48 Newbern,†	Craven,	Not represented,												
49 Brice's Creek,†	"	Not represented,												
50 Fort Barnwell,†	"	Not represented,												
51 Beaufort,†	Carteret,	Not represented,												
52 Smyrna,†	"	Not represented,												
53 Woodville,†	"	Not represented,												
54 Washington,†	Beaufort,	Not represented,												
				207	30	16	5	30	31	191	2886	1620		4728

Note.—The Statistics of the Church marked thus * taken from last year's minutes. Those marked thus † are within the lines of the enemy. We therefore have no report from them.

TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND HIS POST OFFICE.	CHURCH CLERK AND HIS P. OFFICE.	CONTRIBUTIONS DURING the year, exclusive of funds sent to the Association.			REMARKS.
			ARMY COLPORTAGE	ITINERENCY.	UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.	
Wilmington,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. W. Collins, Wilmington.	$ 50 00			Pastor dead—had but few services since.
Mt. Holly,	" " "	B. Carroll, Sills Creek,				Indications of a work of grace.
Moore's Creek,	L. F. Williams,	J. W. Pridgen,				Had a revival—commenced in S. School.
Bethlehem,		S. J. Faison,	105 00		$ 153 00	Good state of religious feeling.
Lebanon,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,	J. T. Newton,	50 00			Benevolent, but many are indifferent.
Wells' Chapel,		H. E. Carr, Villa Berry,				A large number of professions.
Riley's Creek,			33 00		45 00	Nothing interesting.
Shiloh,	David Wells, Harel's Store,	O. M. Matthews,				Reports coldness—at peace.
Bethel,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	R. Herring, Herringsville,	54 00			Revival—many additions,
Lisbon,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	Jas. Vann, Clinton,	30 00			A cold and wintry season.
Mt. Gilead,	J. P. Faison, Warsaw,	J. R. Ezzell, Warsaw,	85 00			Nothing cheering, except at peace.
New Hope,	H. McAlpin, Clinton,	A. M. Blackburn, Lisbon,	90 00			Reports coldness.
Boykin's Chapel,	G. S. Best, Warsaw,	Neill Watson, Clinton,				Liberal contributions—at peace.
White Oak,	Joab Smith,					Reports a revival—large congregations.
Corinth,		A. Royal, Piney Grove,	63 00			Enjoyed the blessings of God.
Brown's M. H.,		J. M. Mosely, Clinton,	50 30			Very old church, but rather weak.
Beulah,		A. King, "				Liberal contributions.
Piney Grove,						Organized a Bible Class.
Clinton,	A.B.Alderman, Harrel's St're,	T. Underwood, Newton Gve.				Weekly prayer meetings—No pastor.
Canaan,	L.F.Williams, Bear Swamp,	S. Andrews,				Nothing interesting.
Mt. Zion,		G. W. Russ,				A bright prospect of good.
Haw Bluff,		A. S. Blizzard,	30 65			At peace—a warm religious interest.
Nat Moore Creek,		G. Flowers, Mt. Olive,				Good state of religious feeling.
Mt. Olive.	C. P. Bogert, Goldsboro',	I. Cogdell,	216 30	57 00	123 00	New church, from minority of old ch'ch.
Falling Creek,	A. Flowers, (licentiate,)	A. S. Davis, Mt. Olive,	38 90			Lost a worthy deacon by death.
Bear Marsh,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	T. Reyal, Warsaw,	50 00		50 00	Requests a miss'y be sent to the army.
Warsaw,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	W. R. Bell, "	80 40			At peace—few in number.
Johnson's M. H.,	G. S. Best, Warsaw,	G. A. Newell, Kenansville,	35 00		33 00	At peace.
Kenansville,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	G. W. Carroll, "				Few additions—hope of a revival.
Beaverdam,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	J. W. Taylor, Magnolia,				Mourn on account of coldness.
Concord,	W. M. Kennedy, Magnolia,					Reports nothing of interest.

Beres,	A. Guy, Warsaw,	H. Murray, Leachy's,	27 65			Nothing of interest.
Island Creek,	J. R. Oliver, Mt. Olive,		15 00			Reports coldness.
Limeston,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	J. T. Carroll,	20 00		10 00	
Corinth,	D. Wells, Harrel's Store,	T. H. Rogers,				
Prospect,	J. R. Olive,		11 00			Coldness, and much to contend with.
Chinquepin,	G. S. Best, Warsaw,	J. Cavenaugh, Chinquepin,				Asks aid from Ex. Committee.
Kinston,	Levi Thorne, Kinston,	P. Hardee, Kinston,				Congregation small.
Woodenton,	E. A. Best, "	W. Grady,				In brotherly love—good congregation.
Union,	E. A. Best,		25 00			Congregation good and attentive.
Union Chapel,	J. N. Stallings, Kenansville,	J. M. Wooten, Catherin Lake,			36 00	Congregation large, nothing of interest.
			$ 1,030 20	$ 57 00	$ 450 00	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

In account with C. D. Ellis Treasurer.

1863.		Cr.
Sept. 19,	Amount from old account,	$227 64
1863.		
Mar. 27,	Cash from Fork Meeting House,	18 50
May 29,	" " Newell,	5 00
May 31,	" " Warsaw,	45 95
June	Collection at Warsaw,	59 35
June	Fork Meeting House,	13 65
June	Bear Marsh balance of pledge	24 00
		$394 09

CONTRA.

1861.				
Mar. 27,	Cash paid J. R. Oliver, 33 days $1,	$33 00		
	" J. N. Stallings, to 27 Mar.	40 00		
May 29,	" L. F. Williams salary to date,	38 00		
	" J. N. Stallings " "	12 50		
	" W. M. Kennedy	10 00		
Aug.	" H. McAlpin,	50 00		
Oct. 6,	" J. N Stallings,	25 00		
	" J. R. Oliver 65 days at $1 50,	97 50		
	" L. F. Williams to date,	60 00		
	Cash on hand,	28 09	$394 09	

CHAS. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

E. E. Oct. 8, 1863.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER THE — A. D., 1862.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Union Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in cases of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps to their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an introductory sermon and also a missionary sermon.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The Committee appointed to revise the "Rules of Order;" and report a standing order of Business submit the following:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session, shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman pro tem, shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association, shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe, towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded, shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table; to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Union Relief Association.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the Pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privilege of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shall be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the church, the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences, or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfuliy observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

R

J. T. Alderman

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Boykin's Chapel, Sampson Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 1864.

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Proceedings.

BOYKIN'S CHAPEL, October 4th, 1864.

The introductory sermon was preached, by Elder George S. Best from Mark 14, part of 8th verse—"She hath done what she could."

After an intermission of half an hour, the Association was called to order. Brother S. J. Faison, Moderator, being absent, brother Owen Fennell was appointed Moderator pro tem. Religious exercises were conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy. The churches were called; a majority being present proceeded to organize.

On motion, A. Royall, C. P. Moore and James W. Collins were appointed a committee on Finance.

The pastor and deacons of the church and Joel Hines were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

J. N. Stallings and G. A. Newell were appointed assistant Clerks.

Letters from the churches called for and read. Letter from Warsaw on Education of soldiers' children, laid on the table.

Letter from Limestone laid on the table.

Letter from Antioch referred to the Executive Committee.

Letter from Kinston laid on table.

Moved that we proceed to election of officers. H. E. Carr, and L. Highsmith were appointed tellers for election of Moderator. D. K. Kornegay and J. D. Carroll for election of Treasurer; Joel Hines and Laban Carroll for election of Clerk. Owen Fennell was elected Moderator, and A. M. Faison re-elected Treasurer, and Isham Royall was re-elected Clerk.

Corresponding delegates and visiting brethren were invited to seats. Elder G. W. Camp announced himself as a delegate from the Pamlico Association. Elder J. L. Carroll announced himself as a delegate from the Central Association. Elder W. Howard presented a letter from the Cedar Creek Association, certifying his appointment, as delegate to this body. They were all cordially welcomed.

Moved that the following committees be appointed:

Army Colportage, Elders Wm. M. Young, G. W. Camp and J. Carroll.

To nominate Executive Committe, Joel Hines, A. M. Faison and Elder W. M. Kednedy.

Obituaries, Elders Kennedy, McAlpin and Stewart.

To nominate trustees of Warsaw High School, Elders J. N. Stallings, A. Royall, and T. J. Boykin.

Education, Elders Young, Stallings and Carroll.

Biblical Recorder, Elders Stallings and Williams and D. K. Kornegay.

Foreign Missions, O. M. Matthews, G. Clute and H. McAlpin.

Sabbath Schools, G. Clute, Elder G. S. Best and C. P. Moore.

To audit account of Treasurer of Association, J. S. Devane and G. W. Highsmith.

Committee on religious exercises reported as follows: Spend half an hour in the morning, at 9 o'clock in prayer for our country, Elder G. W. Camp to conduct the exercises. Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Prayer by Elder Young. Benediction by Elder Kennedy.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5th, 1864.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Elder G. W. Camp, who read psalm 102.

Association called to order. Prayer by Elder Young.—List of delegates called and absentees noted. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Canaan and Rowan read.

John D. Carroll and H. S. Royall were appointed to audit account of Treasurer of Executive Committee.

I. Royall reported that D. Middleton, Treasurer of Executive Committee, had overpaid $25,20 in settling his account of Army Missions. Ordered that the amount be refunded to him from the amonnt sent up for Army Colportage.

The letters, that were laid on the table yesterday, were taken up in order.

Letter from Warsaw referred to a committee, to report Thursday morning 10 o'clock; the committee, Elder W. M. Young, A. M. Faison and Elder J. L. Carroll.

The letter from Wells' chapel announcing the death of Elder David Wells, referred to committe on Obituaries; also

the letter from Kinston announcing the death of Elder Nathan Askew.

Letter from Limestone, stating that the church had expelled colored members for desertion to the enemy, referred to Elders Young, Carroll, and Stallings to report during the session.

A letter was read from Dr. S. S. Satchwell, a member of Riley's Creek church, and surgeon in charge of the Military Hospital at Wilson, recommending that steps be taken for the support and education of the children of deceased soldiers; also urging the claims of *Biblical Recorder* our denominational organ, upon the Asssociation. That part of the letter relating to the education of soldiers' children, referred to the committee on education;—that part relating to *Biblical Recorder* referred to committee on *Recorder*.

The letter from Falling Creek read and referred to Executive Committee.

On motion the committee, appointed last Session, on state of the country, continued, and requested to report during the session.

Report of the Executive Commitee read and adopted.—See appendix A. Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Stallings, Best and Williams.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this body is highly gratified at the energy and interest with which the Executive Committee has prosecuted its work, and we pledge ourselves to sustain them fully in their future operations.

Letters from Mt. Olive and Union Chapel were read. Let-Letter from Mt. Olive referred to Executive Committee.

Committee to nominate Executive committee reported, the following names:

B. Oliver, C. D. Ellis, Lewis Highsmith, Laban Carroll, D. J. Middleton, H. E. Carr, J. H. Stevens. Report adopted.

B. Oliver, W. M. Kennedy and H. E. Carr, were appointed to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Committee to nominate trustees of Warsaw High School reported. Adopted (see appendix B).

Committee on Army Colportage reported. Received and adopted (see appendix C).

Remarks were made by Elders Camp and Young urging this body to contribute funds for that object. J. S. Devane, D. S. Mathews, and Richard Herring were appointed to take up a collection for Army Colportage.

Amount collected $565 50. Called off till 1 1-2 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

Re-assembled. Report on Foreign Missions read and referred back to committee.

The committee on obituaries made a partial report, which was referred back to committee to complete and hand to clerk. (See Appendix D)

Treasurer of Executive Committee reported. Adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The subject of Army Missions being brought up, the following resolution was adoped:

Resolved, That our churches be earnestly requested to give up their Pastors for one or two months, to labor as missionaries to the army, themselves meanwhile continuing their salaries undiminished; and that the churches of the Association be requested to raise funds sufficient to defray their necessary expenses, and give them fair compensation too for their services.

The subject of pastoral support having been discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the churches be urged to give their Pastors a salary corresponding to the prices of provisions and clothing in their vicinity.

Committee on "Biblical Recorder" reported. Adopted. (See Appendix G).

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Stallings, Carroll, Kennedy and Camp. A collection was made to send "Recorder" to soldiers, amounting (including pledges) to $215.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported. Elder Best to conduct prayer meeting in the morning.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Prayer and benediction by Elder Carrroll.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 6th, 1864.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises conducted by Elder G. S. Best, who read 103rd Psalm. Proceeded to business. Prayer by Elder Stallings.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read.

Committee on letter from Warsaw reported; there being two reports, after a lengthy discussion both reports were laid on the table. Committee on Finance reported. See Appendix H.)

12 o'clock, called off to hear the Missionary sermon.

Elder Young preached an interesting and instructive sermon from the 48th Psalm, 12th and 13th verses. After which a collection was made for the Itineracy, amounting to $29 533.

2 1-2 o'clock. Re-assembled. Report of Warsaw High School was read and adopted. (See Appedix I).

Committee on Foreign Missions, reported. Adopted. (See Appendix K).

Committee on State of the Country reported. Adopted. (See Apdendix L).

Report on Sabbath Schools read, amended and adopted. (See Appendix M).

A committee was appointed to nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention. Committee—B. Oliver, J. N. Stallings, A. Royal.

Report of committee on letter from Limestone read and adopted. (See Appendix N.)

Report on Education read and adopted. (See Appendix N.)

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported the following, which was approved: J. L. Carroll, A. M. Faison, J. H. Stevens, J. M. Mosely, N. C. Faison, J. M. Millard, B. Oliver, D. K. Kornegay, J. R. Oliver, J. G. Branch, J. S. Devane, J. F. Oliver, J. Shine, J. R. Rzell, Lewis Carroll, L. R. Loftin, A. S. Davis, D. M. Roberts, Calvin Jernigan, Wm. M. Young, J. W. Collins, B. F. Mitchell, J. L. Stewart, G. S. Best, J. L. Carlton, N. Watson, R. Bennett, H. E. Carr, Joel Hines, S. S. Satchwell, G. A. Newell, D. J. Middleton, J. W. Hall, J. M. Wooten, Amos Royall, Joseph Herring, John Vann, H. McAlpin, J. L. Boykin, H. J. Hobbs, R. F. Boykin, T. O. Kelly, A. Guy, Henry Stevens, L. F. Williams, S. Andrews, J. W. Pridgen, J. J. Pridgen, W. M. Kennedy, O. Alderman, C. P. Moore, G. W. Highsmith, John Giddings, B. B. Newkirk, Steven Peterson, J. F. Ireland, Hardy Herring, Richard Herring, Isham Royall, John D. Carroll, J. K. Williams, M. J. Taylor, S. J. Faison, O. Fennell, O. M. Matthews.

Committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reported the following, which was approved: Kedar Vann, Owen Fennell, Laban Carroll, T. J. Boykin, C. P. Moore, G. A. Newell, Joel Hines, James Vann, Jr., A. Royall, C. D. Fllis, G. W. Carroll, Joseph Herring, J. M. Wooten, S. J. Faison, J. S. Devane, L. R. Loftin, J. G. Branch, L. A. Powell, John Vann, A. M. Faison, J. H. Stevens, J. M. Mosely, J. L. Boykin, H. J. Hobbs, G. Clute, B. Oliver, O. M. Matthews, D. K. Kornegay, Elders G. W. Hufham, Wm. M. Young, J. N. Stallings, J. L. Carroll, L. F. Williams, G. S. Best, J. L. Stewart, A. Guy, W. M. Kennedy, J. R. Oliver, J. P. Faison, H. McAlpin.

The following delegates were appointed to other bodies with which we correspond:

Cedar Creek Association, A. Royall, H. McAlpin; Pamlico Association, J. N. Stallings, W. M. Kennedy, B. Oliver; Cape Fear Association, J. L. Carroll, J. S. Devane, W. M. Young.

On motion, the clerk allowed $100 for his services, also freight on minutes, and the balance of the Association fund to be expended in printing minutes.

The location of the next session of the Association was referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this church and community for their most liberal and comfortable entertainment during the session of this body.

Treasurer of Union Relief Society reported. Adopted. (See Appendix O.)

Elder A. Guy was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon at the next annual session, Elder J. L. Stewart alternate. Elder J. L. Carroll, Denomination sermon, Elder W. M. Young alternate.

Treasurer of Association reported. Adopted. (See Appendix E.)

On motion, the Treasurer authorized to pay Rev. N. B. Cobb the amount sent up and collected during the session for Army Colportage, to pay the Executive Committee the amount for the Itinerent fund, and pay the treasurer of Baptist State Convention the amount for State and Foreign Missions.

The 13th article of the Constitution was amended by adding the words "and a denominational sermon."

On motion, adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath in October, 1865, at whatever place may be selected.

Elder Young, being called upon, made a few feeling and pertinent remarks: all then joined in singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c. Prayer by Elder Stewart. Benediction by Elder Carroll.

Thus ended one of the most harmonious and pleasant sessions it has ever been our lot to attend. All seemed to have one object in view, and that to do all they could in their Master's vineyard.

OWEN FENNELL, Mod'r.

Isham Royal, Clerk.

Appendix.

A.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully submit the following report:

We have had in our employ, in the Home Field, during the year, Elders J. L. Stewart, J. R. Oliver, G. S. Best, J. P. Faison, L. F. Williams and J. N. Stallings. The labors of these brethren have been mostly confined to weak churches, some of them almost extinct, which have been, by the aid we have given them, enabled to have the regular and studied ministry of the word. Elder Stewart has preached monthly, since last January, at Clinton, Sampson county. He reports great encouragement, good congregations and much interest. He has baptized ten. Elder Oliver has preached monthly, during the year at Smith's Chapel, and at Prospect in Duplin county. These churches are very weak and the labors of Elder Oliver have been almost wholly those of an Evangelist. They are situated upon the confines of the vast destitution, which covers almost the whole of the lower edge of Duplin county and almost the whole of the counties of Lenoir, Jones, and Onslow, and the bulk of his congregations are the impenitent. He reports much encouragement, fine congregations and awakening interest in the ministrations of the word. At Smith's chapel he baptized seven, at Prospect nine. In addition Elder Oliver has visited during a portion of his time, several points in Duplin and Lenoir, which are wholly destitute. He found a great desire for preaching, everywhere he went, and some points where strong churches could be built up, with the Lord's blessing if they could have regular preaching. The demands upon the time of Elder Oliver elsewhere, together with a severe attack of sickness, prevents his visiting them regularly. Elder Best has preached since February at Chinquepin, a weak church, but very important point, in the lower part of Duplin county. He has baptized thirty-seven, into the fellowship of the church and reports much interest and increasing congregations. Elders Stallings and Faison have preached regularly, (monthly) at Union chapel, Onslow county, the former for the first quarter, the latter for the remainder of the year. Elder Faison has baptized fifteen at this point, and is greatly encouraged. This is the only regular Baptist church in that county, and is a point of great importance.

The whole of Onslow, with the exception of this church, is one vast scene of destitution, while there are many points at which, with

God's blessings, strong churches could be built up. Elder Faison with the help of Elder King, a native of Onslow, who was ordained in Richmond, and is now an army Missionary, ordained brother Barlow, who came highly recommended by Elder Repiton of Wilmington to the work of the ministry. These two brethren are ready to enter on the itinerant work in their native county. God in his providence seems to have raised them up in the midst of this great destitution, where we have so long been trying to procure laborers. Elder Williams has labored at Natmore Creek chapel in Bladen county, preaching monthly. He reports some encouragement, having baptized there during the year three. This is about what has been done in the Home field. We feel that we have abundant cause to render devout gratitude to God for his blessings. Let us take courage and press forward. In view of God's blessings upon our efforts and the thousands in our own bounds perishing for the lack of the bread of life, we appeal to you to make redoubled effort and sacrifices for this great and important work.

Besides this Elder G. S. Best has spent under under our direction, two months in the army of N. V. as Missionary to Gen. Scales' brigade. He met with great encouragement and success. He baptized five and received three others for baptism and left many mourners. Elder Best would have stayed longer but for a severe attack of sickness, which compelled him to return home.

Elder Hugh McAlpin spent one month in the same army, in Johnson's brigade. He reports great encouragement. During his stay nine professed conversion and offered themselves for baptism. Twenty or thirty were lett enquiring what they must do to be saved.

He also preached to one Regiment of Ransom's Brigade. The great cry of the soldiers is come preach the Gospel for us, and send us religious reading.

Respectfully submitted,

B. OLIVER, Chm'n.

B.

TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Warsaw High School report the following:

B. Oliver, H. E. Carr, A. W. Carlton, J. D. Carroll, John Vann, Lewis Carroll, J. N. Stallings, S. J. Faison, J. W. Swinson, O. Alderman, J. R Ezzell, L Highsmith, J. M. Wooten, W. H. Smith, G. S. Best, Joel Hines, D. K. Kornegay, G. W. Carroll, A. Royal, O. Fennell, J. P. Faison, J. T. Moore, H. McAlpin, A. Guy, D. J. Middleton, J. H. Stevens, A. M. Faison, G. A. Newell, A. J. Daniel, J.R. Oliver.

C.

ARMY COLPOTAGE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that the subject submitted for their consideration, is regarded as one of vital importance, on the history of this revolution. Modern nations have ever been impressed, with the importance of guarding the morals and securing the religious spirit of their armies. Plans and schemes have been adopted the best minds and hearts have been employed to accomplish this work. But it is left for the South to show, what has failed elsewhere that great good can be accomplished even in the midst of war. Never has the Bible been so generally read and studied, never have there been such revivals, never such diligent and pious devotion to a great cause, and to truth, as that which continues to distinguish the Southern army. Your prayers and contributions to secure the word of God, and general religious knowledge have not been in vain.

The cry is continually heard, Send us the word of God, religious reading and the preached Gospel. Our cause is a religious one. It is well that our army should be pious. In view of the many who have turned to God, during the past year, in view of the increasing demand yet coming from the army, and in view of the marked and evident blessing of God upon the diffusion of truth among our army, we cordially recommend to the churches, that they increase their interest and contributions, to this great cause. The time will be short to be done, our army will return home before long. How important that our men come back men of God, ready to unite at once with the churches in every good word and work.

COMMITTEE.

D.

OBITUARIES.

ELDER DAVID WELLS.

Elder David Wells, the son of Jacob and Nancy Wells, was born in the county of Duplin, on the 10th day of December, 1794. His early years were spent in laboring on the farm in summer, and going to school in winter. But becoming the subject of deep and severe bodily affliction, before he had attained to manhood, he applied himself more closely to the acquisition of useful knowledge, so as to prepare for the work of teaching. We believe it was while he was engaged in this latter occupation that he was awakened to a sense of his lost condition as a sinner before God. His convictions were of a deep and pungent character, and when relief came the change was so perceptible that he never afterward could fully doubt his acceptance with Christ his Savior. For although, as an humble chris-

tian, he often felt his great unworthiness, yet he was persuaded that the blood of Christ had cleansed him from all sin. Soon after his conversion, he united with the Baptist church of Christ at Concord, Duplin county, N. C., and was baptized (we believe) by his uncle, the late lamented Elder W. Wells. On the 26th of October, 1826, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Newton, the fruits of which marriage was a large family of children, all of whom he lived to see happily converted to God save one which is yet small.

In March, 1835, he moved to upper New Hanover county, and connected himself with the church at Wells' Chapel. Here he seemed to enter fully upon his career of usefulness. He was a bright and shining light, taking every step and making every effort in his power to advance the interest of the church. The records of the church for several years show that he was an active member and a faithful and accurate clerk. In October, 1841, the church seeing his zeal and efficamcy in his Master's cause, granted him license to exercise his gifts in the ministry, Accordingly, he entered upon the great and responsible work of preaching Christ to his fellowmen, and on the 2nd Sabbath in November, in 1844, he was set apart and ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by Elders George Fennell and Jesse Rogers. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Elder Fennell from the words, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels."

Owing to his great bodily affliction, which had rendered him a cripple for life, his labors, as a minister, were necessarily confined within a limited compass.

He devoted himself, however, to preaching, as often as he could, and to holding prayer meetings in his own church twice a week. His afflictions for several years after his ordination, prevented him from taking the pastoral care of churches, notwithstanding he was frequently called upon and urged to do so. But it pleased God some few years previous to his death, to so improve his general health, as to enable him to engage more fully in the work of the ministry, and to take the oversight of some three churches, to which he preached with great acceptance until the time of his death. As a pastor he was prompt in the discharge of his duties, and punctual in attending his appointments, often going to meet his flock when he was scarcely able to sit in his buggy, or to stand in his pulpit and preach.

As a minister he was sound in doctrine, correct in language, systematic in arranging his sermons, earnest and faithful in their delivery. His knowledge of the Scriptures was very extensive, and his fireside explanations of dark and difficult passages of the Bible were interesting and instructive to the seeker after divine truth. But it was as a christian that he shone the brightest. It was his daily walk, his meekness, humility and fervent life of prayer, that distinguished him above his fellows. We believe he had attained to greater piety

and perfection in the divine life than most men of his day and time. Indeed it may be said of him, "that he prayed always, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting." Kind and obliging as a neighbor, true and faithful as a friend, his company and advice were sought after by his entire community, while his hospitable roof sheltered, and his bountiful board supplied more friends than any man of his means in the county in which he lived. His benevolence was almost boundless. It is a matter of surprise how he always found means to do so much and give so much to the cause of Christ.

In life he often prayed for grace to sustain him in a dying hour. And in this he was heard and answered, for when the time drew near, (which event occurred on the 20th day of November, 1863,) for him to take his final leave of all earthly things, the presence of that Savior whom he had so faithfully served, and whose gospel he had so earnestly preached, was with him to support and comfort him.

Surrounded by his weeping wife and children, he took his final leave of them, and then was heard to say in a faint whisper, "My sins, my sins, they are all forgiven me," and his gentle spirit wended its way to the bosom of his Father, God above.

Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the Spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
"How blest the righteous when he dies."

ELDER NATHAN ASKEW.

Your committee have also learned, that since the last session of your body, Elder Askew, another devoted minister of the Association has passed from his toils and sufferings on earth, to the mansions of the blessed, in heaven. We regret however, to say that as the records of the church of which he was a member, (Harrietts Chapel) have been removed, we are unable to give as extended a notice of his long and laborious life as we would desire. We think that, at the time of his death, he was about fifty-two years old. He had been in the ministry for more than twenty years, during which time he labored earnestly and faithfully in his Master's cause. He too was a child of great bodily affliction. Almost through life, he was under a load of great bodily pains and suffering which would have crushed most men and sunk them in despair. Yet he never murmured nor lessoned his efforts in his Savior's glorious cause, until age and and infirmity brought him to the grave. He spent the greatest part of his ministeral life in preaching to the destitute in the eastern bounds of our Association, and, in this way, his preaching was a blessing to many who otherwise would have have remained "in the region and shadow of death." Elder Askew was a man of great natural ability, possessing those powers of mind which enable him to preach Christ fully, forcibly and with great effect. His very retentive memory enabled him to quote scripture and to relate inci-

dents, in the pulpit, which made his sermons entertaining and convincing. A man of exemplary life, a christian of deep toned piety, and a zealous and faithful minister, he was usefnl in life and widely mourned in death. He fought a good fight in life and we trust he has obtained a crown of glory in Heaven.

We regret to state, that the letters several churches, bring to us the melancholy tidings, of the death of some our most efficient and devoted lay members, some of these have fallen at home, in the midst of their families and churches, while others have perished, on the gory field of battle.

Among the former number, we notice the name, of brethen John Boykin and alworthy King two aged and faithful servants of Christ, who have long stood as pillars in the church, and as bright and shining lights to all, who knew them.

We feel dear brethren, that in view, of the sad havoc, which death has made in our midst, we should bow, in humble submission, to the will of Him, who doeth all things well, and earnestly pray Him, in mercy, to raise up others, to take the place of those, who have fallen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. KENNEDY, Chm'n.

E

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

A. M. Faison, Treasurer of Association, in account, Dr.

1863.		
	Amount from old account,	$14 15
October.	Public collection at Beulah,	122 20
"	Collection to send *Recorder* to soldier,	145 00
"	Association Fund,	271 55
"	Itinerant fund,	464 75
"	Army Colportage,	596 10
"	To send Testaments to soldiers,	10 00
		$1623 75

Monies Expended.

Paid Chas. D. Ellis for Colportage and Itineracy,	$1060 90	
For Printing Minutes,	275 00	
Paid to Elder Cobb,	145 00	
Clerk's Fees and Expenses,	37 00	
Balance on hand,	105 85	$1623 75

F.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. J. Middleton, Treas. of Executive Committee
In account with Union Association, Dr.

Army Missions.

1863. October.	Collection at Beulah,		$359 00
Nov'r.	" " Lebanon,		21 80
	Moore's Creek,		41 00
1864. Oct.	Amount received from Association,		25 20
			$440 00

Cr.

1864. January.	By amount paid H. McAlpin,		$100 00
" May,	" " W. M. Kennedy,		40 00
" Sept.	" " G. S. Best,		200 00
	Discount on old issue,		100 00
			$440 00

Itinerant Fund.

Dr.

To amount received from C. D Ellis, former Treasurer,	$492 79
November collection at Lebanon,	30 85
1864. January collection at Clinton,	103 70
May collection at Bethel,	43 25
July collection at Beaverdam,	32 00
October collection at Bear Marsh, last year's pledge,	61 00
	$763 59

Cr.

1863. November.	Paid J. R. Oliver,		$30 00
1864. January.	" " "		20 00
"	" L. F. Williams,		20 00
"	" J. N. Stallings,		18 75
May.	" J. R. Oliver,		82 00
May,	" L. F. Williams,		53 83
July.	" " "		26 66
October.	" J. L. Stewart,		75 00
"	" J. R. Oliver,		66 00
"	" L. F. Williams,		47 66
"	" G. S. Best,		106 66
"	" J. L. Stewart,		25 00
			$571 06

By amount brought forward,	$571 06
Discount on old issue,	150 00
Counterfeit bill,	10 00
Cash on hand,	32 53
	$763 59

Respectfnlly submitted,

D. J. MIDDLETON, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

J. D. CARROLL, H. S. ROYAL, } Com.

G

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Your committee, to whom the subject of the *Biblical Recorder* was referred, report:

We hail with pleasure the re-appearance of the *Recorder* in full size and double sheet, with the assurance of the Editor that it shall remain as it, is if the Baptists willl sustain it; therefore,

Resolved, That recognizing the *Recorder*, as at present so ably conducted by Elder J. D. Huf ham, as a powerful agency for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause, accepting the above assurance of the Editor we will sustain it.

1st By subscribing for it ourselves.

2nd. By using our best efforts to induce others to subscribe for it.

3d. By contributing liberally to supply it to our soldiers.

Resolved, that should the Editor find it necessary either to reduce the size of the *Recorder* or increase his subscription price in order to pay expenses we recommend the latter alternative.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. STALLINGS, L. F. WILLIAMS, D. K. KORNEGAY, }

H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Churches.	Associa'n Fund.	Itinerant.	Army Colpor'ge	State Missions.	For'n Missions.
Wilmington,	$50	300			
Mt. Holly,	25 40		44 75		
Moore's Creek,	18		79 50		
Bethlehem,	14 75	30	30		
Lebanon,	11 50	20	48		
Wells' Chapel,	25 40	30	53 10		
Riley's Creek,	24				
Shiloh,	16 80	5 50	21 60		
Bethel,	14	28			
Lisbon,	10 50		40		
Mt. Gilead,	15				
New Hope,	20 25	15			
Boykin's Chapel,	15				
White Oak,	13	50			
Corinth,	5				
Brown's M. H.,	5 60		24		
Beulah,	10	62			
Piney Grove,	15		108 20		
Clinton,	10	30	30		
Mt. Zion,	6		2		
Haw Bluff,	10		6 65		
Natmore Creek,	5				
Bear Marsh,	32 30	84			
Warsaw,	9		30		
Johnson's M. H.,	20	50			
Kenansville,	19 75	49		12	22
Beaver Dam,	20	30			
Berea,	7		22 25		
Limestone,	10				
Corinth, (Duplin county,)	10		41 65		
Island Creek,	12 50		13 30		
Smith's Chapel,	5				
Chinquepin,	10				
Prospect,	5				
Kinston,	12		17		5
Woodenton,	3				
Concord,	13				
Union,	15		107		
Antioch,	2				
Canaan,	10				
Rowan,	18				
Falling Creek,	22 30				
Mt. Olive,	10				
Union Chapel,	12	10	14		
Collection by brother Barlow,		40			
	618 05	833 50	733	12	27

Total amount received, $2,223 55.

A. ROYAL, Com.

I.

WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL.

WARSAW N. C. OCT. 3d. 1864.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL—

Dear Brethren :—Your school has been in successful operation, during the year, though there are not as many students in school, this session as heretofore, there being sixty-four. The whole number in attendance during the year has been one hundred and seven, of this number there were twenty charity scholars.

Since our last report Rev. J. L. Stewart has been connected with the school as one of the Principals, but he speaks of giving up teaching and devoting himself entirely to the ministry. We have been forced to give up music, the present session, for the want of patronage in that department.

The school has been visited with an outpouring of the grace of God. Thirteen of the students have made a profession of faith in Christ, and we have had the pleasure of seeing twelve of them buried with Christ in baptism. We feel that our prayers for the conversion of the young have been answered. To God be all the praise. May the good work go on until all the young are led to embrace the truths of the Gospel.

The present session will close on the 16th of December, and the next will commence on the last Monday in January, 1865. Asking an interest in your prayers, we remain.

Yours respestfully,

ISHAM ROYAL.

K.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that it is the opinion of a vast number of christians, that our present condition, as a nation, is the legitimate consequence of our neglecting to furnish the men and means to spread the gospel in heathen lands, or that we, having forgot that our life, our souls and our all justly belong to Christ Jesus, our Lord, have become idolaters, having almost exclusively applied to the gratification of our passions, the very means he had given us, whereby we could have done much good, in disseminating his glorious gospel to the heathen. These ideas being admitted by us to be of great weight, we would meekly found our report on the subject matter contained in the 26th chapter of Leviticus, which Scripture we most earnestly desire you to ponder well at this crisis in our history.

We therefore recommend that the churches greatly increase their efforts, to raise contributions to this object, while they fervently

pray for the influence of the divine Spirit to rest upon the labors of our beloved Missionaries.

Your committee regard it as worthy of serious inquiry, whether the Association will not become pledged for the support of a Missionary in heathen lands, and that we most devoutly pray to our Heavenly Father to give us a man from our midst, whom He will set apart for this the noblest calling on earth, that these objects occupy the unceasing energies of our brethren till accomplished. The amount necessary for this purpose might be easily secured by a little system and effort. It is also suggested that our ministers on suitable occasions give our colored brethren an opportunity to contribute in behalf of African Missions.

We would recommend to blockade runners to give to the Lord a liberal portion of their stock to be applied in disseminating his word to the heathen, thereby humbly acknowledging their indebtedness to Him for His blessings on this very perilous enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M MATTHEWS, Chm'n.

L.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your committee on the state of the country, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recognize in the present cruel and desolating war, the hand of Divine Providence, chastising us for our national sins, and at the same time, we believe that God directs, governs, and will overrule its events to the accomplishment of some of His great and good purposes. It is a difficult task, to determine, what our national sins are; and impossible to enumerate them all, but we desire to call attention to a few of what we consider the most prominent:

1st. The constant and flagrant violation of the Lord's Sabbath by the people, corporations and the government.

2nd. The abuses of domestic slavery in the failure of both masters and the churches, to do their whole duty to provide for the moral and religious instruction of the slaves.

3d. The failure of the churches of Christ to fully consecrate themselves to the great work of glorifying God in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom among men, and withholding from His cause the means, with which he has so abundantly blessed them.

While we acknowledge the difficulty of determining, what our national sins are, and only present the above as those we consider the most prominent, we find greater difficulty in fathoming the designs of God in this providence. Of course one of the most prominent is the correction of our national iniquities. In looking beyond this, we cannot fail to see, in the blessed fact of the gracious

outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our armies and, more recently upon our churches, and the conversion of so many of our brave men and dear people, an indication of God's favor to us, while we are afflicted, and accept it as a sure indication of the ultimate success of our cause in establishing our independence, and freeing us from the intermeddlings of others, that we may under Him become a people whose God is the Lord—a nation which shall devote herself more fully and completely to the advancement of the Redeemer's cause. In view of the foregoing,

Resolved, That we recommend our people and especially christians "to humble themselves under the mighty hand of God" and repent of, confess and forsake their sins, and humbly implore the God of nations for forgiveness and a removal of his afflicting hand.

Resolved, That we counsel humble submission and resignation to the Divine will; that we suffer His righteous will and pleasure without murmuring or complaining, and that we watch the indication of His providence with the devout feelings of the people of old, "Lord speak, thy servant heareth."

COMMITTEE.

M.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Learning from the letters sent up by the churches, and other sources, that there are only eleven churches, that have Sunday Schools, and thirty five that have none; we would therefore recommend that Pastors of the several churches, within the bounds of this Association, use their utmost influence to establish Sabbath Schools in their different churches. We would also recommend the *Child's Index*, as a very valuable, instructive, and well edited paper to be put in the hands of all children.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

N.

ON THE LETTER FROM LIMESTONE.

Your committee beg leave to report,

That the question submitted to them is one of great difficulty to solve, yet after canvassing the subject, as far as time would permit they have been brought to the following conclusions:

1st. That the church of Christ, being spiritual in her organization, executive in her nature, and not legislative in her powers, cannot legislate upon matters which belong purely to the State.

2nd. That any member has the right so far as he is concerned, to make choice of any Government, under which he may desire to live.

3d. But the church has a right to determine, whether such member has a right to leave the country without giving due notice of such intentions, and a violation of which would imply contempt for the church, which would be sufficient ground for excommunication.

4th. That the above does not apply to slaves who are members of a church, because of the additional relations they sustain to their masters.

COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report, that while they have no statistics connected with the Inst. of our denomination in the State, to present, yet they would still urge the churches to take a deep and lively interest in the education of the rising generation. If we cannot aid as formerly in the education of a rising ministry, we can do much in aiding and securing the proper mental and moral training of the young. At the close of the present war, the demands will necessarily be great in the department of usefulness. What is the duty of the church and her ministry but to rise with the demands of the age, to embrace every opportunity to aid in training the mind and heart. We recommend to our churches in this Association, that they should, in their respective communities, cherish and sustain education among all classes and do all in their power for the promotion and furtherance of such efforts, as will tend to the moral and mental elevation of our race.

COMMITTEE.

O.

UNION RELIEF SOCIETY.

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In account with C. D. ELLIS, Treas.

'63. Oct. 6.	Amount from old account. brought forward,		$816 35
" 9.	Cash from Elder L. F. Williams,		100 50
"	"	Clingman's Brigade,	24 00
"	"	I. Royal,	58 00
"	"	I. Wells Taylor,	34 00
"	"	J. N. Stallings,	219 00
"	"	B F. Marable,	65 00
"	"	W. M. Kennedy,	298 10
"	"	O. M. Matthews,	45 00
"	"	J. W. Taylor, collected at Lebanon,	91 75
Nov. 29.		Balance,	10 15
			$1767 85

CONTRA.

'93. Oct. 9th.	Cash paid sister Z. Guy, per order,	$50 00
"	Elder G. W. Hufham's note,	57 75
"	Deposit in savings bank,	691 85
"	Refunded J. W. Taylor (Error),	30 35
'64. Feb. 15th.	Check sent Elder J. N. Stallings,	1028 50
		$1767 85

C. D. ELLIS, Treasurer.

D. J. Middleton in account with U. R. Society.

64. Jan	Amount collected at Clinton,		$182 45
"	"	B. Chapel,	120 86
May.	"	Bethel,	92 33
July.	"	Beaverdam,	129 00
			$524 64
By amount investing in Execution,			$302 45
Cash on hand,			222 19
			$524 64

CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

Wilmington—Have a Sabbath School and Youth's Missionary society.

Mount Holly—Sent quarterly contributions to Elder N. B. Cobb, congregations small.

Moore's Creek—Large and attentive congregations, Indications of a revival. Flourishing Sabbath School.

Bethlehem—Blessed with peace and the conversion of souls.
Lebanon—Congregations small but attentive. Pastor very punctual.
Wells' Chapel—Weekly prayer meetings—good Sabbath School, congregations large and attentive.
Riley's Creek—Reports nothing of interest.
Shiloh—Cheering news, blessed with a precious revival. Fine S. S.
Bethel—Small congregations but manifest an interest in the gospel. Good S. School.
Lisbon—In a cold state, but at peace with each other,
Mt. Gilead—At peace. Healthy condition.
New Hope—Mourn on account of coldness.
Boykin's Chapel—Feel hopeful of a revival. Very worthy Deacon died.
White Oak—At peace. Sent liberal amount to Elder Cobb.
Corinth (Sampson)—At peace. No Pastor.
Brown's—Weak church, indications of its going down.
Beulah—Flourishing S. School. Blessed with a revival.
Piney Grove—Revival, many added to the church. Deacon died.
Rowan—No pastor for nearly two years. Lost a zealous member by death. Sabbath School and prayer meeting.
Canaan—Cold state, and not at peace. No pastor for next year.
Clinton—Precious revival. Weekly prayer meeting. Bible class.
Mt Zion—At peace. Weak church.
Haw Bluff—At peace few in number.
Mt. Olive—A thriving church—Revival—Liberal. Good S. School.
Falling Creek—A promising Sabbath School.
Bear Marsh—Preaching twice a month. Had a great revival in which 88 were added to the church. Good S School. Very liberal.
Warsaw—Blessed with a revival. Small S. School,
Johnson's—Good revival. Healthy condition.
Kenansville—Had an outpouring of grace. Healthy condition.
Beaverdam mourns on account of coldness. Prays for a revival.
Berea—Good congregations and regular preaching.
Island Creek—Want of interest in the cause of Christ prevails.
Limestone—Been a year of coldness.
Corinth [Duplin]—Enjoyed a revival season.
Smith's chapel—Had some pleasant meetings. Congregations increase. Hopes of a bright future.
Antioch—Only 13 members in the church.
Prospect—Enjoyed a pleasant revival season.
Chinquepin—Good congregations. Many lately joined, others expected to join soon.
Natmore Creek—At peace, a good state of religious feeling exists.
Kinston—Reports nothing of interest. No regular Pastor.
Woodenton—In peace and harmony.
Union—Nothing important to report.
Union Chapel—In the midst of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

TABLE. No. 1.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Re'd by letter from the army	Restored.	Re'd by Experience.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
1	Wilmington,	New Hanover,	William M. Young, J. W. Collins,									151		151
2	Mt. Holly,	" "	Thomas J. Lee, Laban Carroll,	15	4		1	1			1	107	50	157
3	Moore's Creek,	" "	C. P. Moore,	5	2				6	2	3	138	82	221
4	Bethlehem,	" "	No delegate,	4					1	2		96	14	110
5	Marshall's M. H., †	" "	Not represented,									37	40	77
6	Lebanon,	" "	Owen Fennell		9				4			44	47	91
7	Wells' Chapel,	" "	L. Highsmith, G. W. Highsmith, W. L. Fennell,	2	5	4				2		141	104	245
8	Riley's Creek,	" "	H. E. Carr, Joel Hines						2	2		74	25	99
9	Shiloh,	" "	W. M. Monroe	60	3		4		2	2	3	102	5	155
10	Bethel,	Sampson,	Wm. Fryer, J. Alderman, O. M. Mathews,	4	1				1		1	62	23	85
11	Lisbon,	"	H. Herring, D. S. Matthews, R. Herring,		1						1	53	18	71
12	Mt. Gilead,	"	J. Vann, J. Pearson, D. Boney,	4	2					1	3	91	28	119
13	New Hope,	"	Lewis Carroll,			3				1	1	113	35	148
14	Boykin's Chapel,	"	H. McAlpin, L. H. Rich, A. M. Blackburn,	2			1		2	3		119	76	195
15	White Oak,	"	H. Bennett, J. Herring, N. Watson,	3							3	99	27	126
16	Corinth,	"	D. Carter, R. McLemore,		1		2			1	1	53	2	55
17	Brown's M. H,	"	A Royal, H. S. Royal,									31	42	73
18	Beulah,	"	L. F. Williams, J. H. Stevens, A. M. Faison,	16	1				1	3		65	109	174
19	Piney Grove,	"	J. F. Ireland, S. J. King,	38			1	4	2	4	11	151	32	183
20	Rowan,	"	T. O. Kelly,											
21	Clinton,	"	J. L. Stewart A. S. C. Powell, G. Clute,	10	7				1	1		37	13	50
22	Canaan,	"	Thomas Underwood,		1						1	22	7	29
23	Mt. Zion,	"									2	16	19	35
24	French's Creek, †	"	Not represented,									48	6	50
25	Haw Bluff,	"	No delegate,									40	40	80
26	Natmore Creek,	"	No delegate,	8										

27	Mt. Olive, Wayne,	Wayne,	O. Norris,	13	1			24		1		82	24	56
28	Falling Creek,	"	D. D. Carroll,	14				14				41	18	59
29	Bear Marsh,	"	B. Oliver, J. S. Devane, D. K. Kornegay,	82	1		2	1		1	3	191	155	346
20	Warsaw,	"	I. Royal, P. Matthews,	51	7	5	2	2	7		2	126	14	140
31	Johnson's M. H.,	"	G. S. Best, W. M. Kennedy,	26			3		3		4	117	176	293
32	Kenansville,	"	J. N. Stallings, G. A. Newell,	52			2	2	28	11	3	58	131	189
33	Beaverdam,	"	J. D. Carroll, M. Rogers,	5	1					5	4	88	25	113
34	Concord,	"	Letter. No delegate,	41	2						2	65	53	118
35	Berea,	"	R. J. Johnson, D. H. Murray,	2	1				2	3	4	111	47	158
36	Island Creek,	"	No delegate,							2	3	89	13	102
37	Limestone,	"	No delegate,							6	6	127	94	221
38	Corinth,	"	No delegate,	17			2					66	14	80
39	Smith's Chapel,	"	No delegate,	7	6		1					16	23	39
40	Antioch,	"	No delegate,	2						5	1	9	3	12
41	Chinquepin,	"	No delegate,	37					1		2	50		50
42	Kinston,	"	No delegate,											
43	Woodenton,	"	No delegate,							1	1			16
44	Union,	"	No delegate,									22	7	29
45	Union Chapel,	"	No delegate,			5					1	50	4	54
46	Prospect,	Duplin,	No delegate,	9			1							22
				495	56	17	22	46	63	59	67	3148	1694	4842

The churches marked thus † have their statistics taken from the minutes of last year.

TABLE. No. 2.

Churches.	Pastor and his Post Office.		Church Clerk and his Post Office.		Amount contributed during the Year, for various objects, not included in the Financial Report.
Wilmington, -	William M. Young,	Wilmington, -	J. W. Collins,	Wilmington,	
Mt. Holly, -	W. M. Kennedy,	Magnolia, -	B. Carroll,	Sill's Creek,	
Moore's Creek, -	W. M. Kennedy,	Magnolia, -	O. Alderman,	-	$120 00
Bethlehem, -	L. F. Williams,	Faison's Depot, -	J. W. Pridgen,		
Lebanon, -	W. M. Kennedy,	Magnolia, -	S. J. Faison,	Harrell's Store	
Wells' Chapel, -	W. M. Kennedy,	Magnolia, -	J. T. Newton,	Harrell's Store	
Riley's Creek, -	J. L. Carroll,	Warsaw, -	H. E. Carr,	Villa Berry,	
Shiloh, -	J. P. Faison,	Warsaw, -	W. J. Herring,		
Bethel, -	W. M. Kennedy,	Magnolia, -	O. M. Matthews,	Rockfish, -	135 00
Lisbon, -	A. Guy,	Warsaw, -	R. Herring,	Herringsville, -	73 00
Mt. Gilead, -	H. McAlpin,	Clinton, -	J. Vann, Jr.,	Clinton,	
New Hope, -	J. L. Carroll,	Warsaw, -	J. R. Ezzell,	Warsaw,	
Boykin's Chapel, -	H. McAlpin,	Clinton, -	J. L. Boykin,	Clinton,	
White Oak, -	G. S. Best,	Kenansville, -	N. Watson,	Clinton, -	105 00
Corinth, Sampson, -	No Pastor,	-	I. Simmons,	Warrensville,	
Brown's, -	J. P. Faison,	Warsaw, -	A. Royal,	Piney Grove,	
Beulah, -	J. L. Carroll,	Warsaw, -	J. M. Millard,	Bear Swamp, -	500 00
Piney Grove, -	H. McAlpin,	Clinton, -	J. W. Giddings,		
Rowan, -	No Pastor,	-	T. O. Kelly,	Clinton,	
Clinton, -	J. L. Stewart,	Warsaw, -	G. Clute,	Clinton,	
Canaan, -	A. B. Alderman,	Hawley's St'e, -	T. Underwood,	Newton Grove,	
Mt. Zion, -	L. F. Williams,	Faison's Depot, -	S. Andrews,		
Haw Bluff, -	L. P. Williams,	Faison's Depot, -	G. W. Ross,		
Natmore Creek, -	L. F. Williams,	Faison's Depot, -			

Mt. Olive,	C. P. Bogert,	Goldsboro,	G. Flowers,	Mt. Olive,		227 66
Falling Creek,	N. B. Cobb,	Goldsboro,	D. D. Carrol,			110 00
Bear Marsh,	J. N. Stallings,	Kenansville,	A. S. Davis,	Mt. Olive,		1398 50
Warsaw,	A. Guy,	Warsaw,	I. Royal,	Warsaw,		42 95
Johnson's,	G. S. Best,	Kenansville,	W. R. Bell,	Warsaw,		
Kenansville,	J. N. Stallings,	Kenansville,	G. A. Newell,	Kenansville,		150 00
Beaverdam,	A. Guy,	Warsaw,	G. W. Carroll,	Kenansville,		922 00
Concord,	A. Guy,	Warsaw,	H. Matthews,			
Berea,	J. P. Faison,	Warsaw,	H. Murray,	Teachy's,		
Island Creek,	J. R. Oliver,	Mt. Olive,				25 85
Limestone,	J. N. Stallings,	Kenansville,				90 00
Corinth, (Duplin,)	A. Guy,	Warsaw,	J. K. Williams,	Prescott,		
Smith's Chapel,	J. R. Oliver,	Mt. Olive,				
Antioch,	No report,		J. W. Grady,			
Chinquepin,	G. S. Best,	Kenansville,	J. Cavenaugh,			27 00
Prospect,	J. R. Oliver,	Mt. Olive,				
Kinston,	E. A. Best,	Mosely Hall,	P. Hardie,	Kinston,		
Union,	E. A. Best,	Mosely Hall,	C. Rouse,			
Woodenton,	E. A. Best,	Mosely Hall,	W. Grady,			
Union Chapel,	J. P. Faison,	Warsaw,	J. M. Wooten,	Catharine Lake		27 15
						$3944 11

Note.—Several of the Churches contributed large amounts which they did not report.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the Union Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in cases of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than five nor more than seven members; which committee shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and Colportage. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and during intervals between the meetings of this body to receive and disburse funds for those objects, and to take such steps for their advancement as they shall deem advisable, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 11. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding

brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tues day after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 13. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory sermon, a Missionary sermon and a Denominational sermon.

Art. 13. This constitution may be amended at any annual Session by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session, shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence a chairman pro tem. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine him self strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table; to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Organization.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Reception of corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Union Relief Association.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Report of the Treasurer.
10. Adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR THE CHURCHES.

1. We will hold at least four conference meetings in a year for transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting, and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who discover a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every conference the pastor, in right of his office, shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem., who shall open Conference by devotional exercises, or call on some other brother to do it for him.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church Book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at every regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy the privilege of the meeting, except that of voting.

6. A door shall be opened for the reception of members; and in any instance, receiving to fellowship shall be by unanimous vote.

7. Every subject for the consideration of Conference shall be introduced by a motion, which when seconded, shall be debatable and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the second.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, except by permission from the Moderator.

9. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without the permission of the Moderator.

10. It shalll be required, that in matters of difference between members, before complaint is made to the the church, the aggrieved

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party shall have duly attended to the instructions of our Lord, Matt. 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offences or such as operate against the peace of the Church, shall be the subject of discipline.

11. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to fellowship; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of one who voted in the affirmative.

12. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote—shall keep the speakers to the subject under debate—may express his own views after others are done speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved, That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the Churches that compose this body.

Obit
David Wells
†
Nathan Parker